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U.S. rejects proposal

Israel offers pullout for nuclear arms

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — Israel recently made a secret offer to the United States to withdraw from all the occupied territories if America would throw its full support behind an Israeli bid to become a full-fledged nuclear power, according to sources close to the peace negotiations.

The Carter administration, fearing such a move would lead to a dangerous nuclear arms race in the Middle East, turned down the Israeli proposal, the sources said.

Israel's offer to withdraw totally from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights was contingent on two conditions:

— That the U.S. cooperate with Israel in arranging underground testing of Israeli atomic devices, and — that the U.S. support Israel's demand for no international supervision or inspection of Israeli nuclear programs.

Despite frequent Israeli denials, American intelligence sources say the Jewish state already possesses a secret atomic bomb arsenal of undetermined size.

But Israel has never had an opportunity to test its nuclear weapons, the sources say.

Israel made its proposal to the U.S. to go public with its nuclear capability after a heated debate at a secret meeting of the Israeli cabinet and selected Labor party leaders.

Those favoring the proposal to join the "nuclear club" in exchange for withdrawal from the occupied lands included Prime

Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, and Labor Party leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, sources said.

These leaders argued that even if one or more Arab states went on to develop an atomic capability, a "nuclear balance of terror" could be created such as exists between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. In such a case, the chances of an atomic war in the Middle East would be reduced, they were said to have argued.

Two groups of Israeli leaders opposed the proposal.

Such leaders as Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, Labor party official Yigal Allon and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich objected to the nuclear option on the grounds that it would encourage "unpredictable" rejectionist states such as Iraq and Libya to develop their own nuclear arsenals.

These states, they said, could not be counted on to abide by the rules of a "nuclear balance of terror."

Other opponents included Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and representatives of the rightwing religious parties, who were not willing to give up the occupied territories under any circumstances, even if it would mean U.S. support for an Israeli nuclear capability, the sources said.

Begin and his supporters won out over the opponents, and the offer was relayed secretly to the Carter administration.

However U.S. officials felt the proposal would dramatically increase the chances of a nuclear war in the Middle East, and so rejected Israel's offer, the sources said.

Hussein in interview

U.S. 'unfit' to solve M.E. crisis

BEIRUT, Aug. 11 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan was quoted as saying Saturday that the United States was not qualified to solve the Palestine question.

In an interview with the international edition of the Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar*, the Jordanian monarch said the United States was not entitled to discuss affairs of the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the River Jordan and Gaza Strip. Nor was Egypt entitled to do so, he added in a

reference to the talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States on self-rule for the Palestinians.

The search for a settlement should be undertaken with the whole world — Europe, the Soviet Union and the United States, the king said.

King Hussein said in reply to a question that relations between Jordan and the United States were somewhat lukewarm and had been affected by "the latest

development — a reference to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and self-rule talks.

Asked whether Jordan would join the self-rule talks King Hussein said: "Our attitude has been clear and firm since 1967. We cannot bargain over an inch of Palestinian territory or on Palestinian rights."

He asked: "Is Israel prepared to withdraw from all occupied Arab territory and from Jerusalem? Is it going to recognize the Palestinian people's legitimate rights to exercise their rights to self-determination on their territory?"

Turning to his country's relations with the Soviet Union, King Hussein said: "There is at present a good start for contacts we are undertaking with the Soviet Union to study the prospects of obtaining some types of weapons to make up for deficiencies in some domains."

He added that in the future Jordan might diversify the sources of its weapons to include Europe as well as the two superpowers.



King Hussein

Khomeini supporters win Tehran seats on council

TEHRAN, Aug. 11 (R) — Supporters of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of Iran's Islamic revolution, have won the capital's 10 seats on the council which will write a new constitution for the country, final results showed Saturday.

The announcement of the Tehran seats completed the election of the 73-member council which will be dominated by the Ayatollah's Islamic Republican Party.

Tehran included the only successful woman candidate, Monirah Gorji. A majority of the council members are clerics. Voting was held on Aug. 3.

The results showed the pro-Khomeini candidates as having lead of more than one million votes over their closest rivals, the head of a radical guerrilla group.

The most successful leftist finished 19th on the list of 122 Tehran candidates, the highest placed candidate of the pro-Soviet Tudeh (Communist) Party came 29th with 47,225 votes.

The council, which have one month in which to approve a new constitution for Iran's Islamic republic, is expected to start work next week after officials have ruled on whether to uphold any objections to the results.

Some 200 complaints of alleged irregularities at the polls have been filed and several political parties have called for the elections to be annulled.

The capital's spiritual chief, Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, topped the poll in the Tehran area with just over two million votes. He is widely expected to be chosen as the president of the council.

The Islamic Republican Party candidates in Tehran included four clergymen and at least two members of Iran's shadowy council of the revolution, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri and economist Abol Hassan Bani Sadr.

No figures for the total number of people who voted have been published but Interior Minister Hashem Sabbaghian has conceded that the turnout was lower than in last March's referendum on the creation of the Islamic

republic. Officials said 92.5 per cent of the electorate of 22 million voted in March.

Ali Muhammad Arab, the pro-Khomeini candidate who came bottom among the councilors elected in Tehran polled just over 1.3 million votes. Journalist Ali Asghar Haj Seyyed Javadi, head of the Iranian Human Rights Society, came 11th with some 298,000 votes.

Iranian oil chief Hassan Nazih, head of the Bar Association, came 30th with some 345,000 votes in spite of having withdrawn from the elections in protest at the way they were being organized.

Tehran, with its large number of student population politicized by a year of demonstrations against the Shah was generally considered the only place where the left stood a chance of getting a deputy elected.

Strauss arrives in Israel August 16

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (R) — With U.S.-Israeli relations at their lowest point in years, presidential troubleshooter Robert Strauss will head to the Middle East in the next few days to try to ease tensions.

Strauss, — a tough-talking Texan who took over as special Middle East negotiator this year, has twice advanced a visit to Israel and Egypt originally scheduled for next month and will fly to Tel Aviv on Thursday.

After a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, he will fly to Cairo and then back to Israel for more talks before leaving for Washington. In all, he plans to spend or five days in the area.

U.S. officials play down suggestions of a crisis in relations with Israel.

But they admit there are more irritations and frictions than at any time since early 1975, when then President Gerald Ford ordered a reassessment of U.S.-Israeli relations.

Among the major reasons for the current tensions is a charge by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan that U.S. Middle East policy had turned away from Israel because of American dependence on oil.

He said Washington might support a United Nations resolution that would lead to a U.S. dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which Israel has repeatedly denounced.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance categorically denied there had been any policy shift. President Jimmy Carter also stressed the U.S. commitment to Israel and told Ambassador Ephraim during a generally inconclusive meeting this week that policy towards the PLO was unchanged. Israel, however, indicated it would wait and see if this was the case.

Disagreement over a replacement peace force to oversee Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai is also an issue. Israel rejected a U.S. proposal to use UNTSO (United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization) forces, because UNTSO is controlled by the United Nations secretary general and not the Security Council as a whole.

U.S. officials say Israel was told of the proposal well in advance and no good reason was given for rejecting it. They insist that UNTSO is not a major problem. The Israelis disagree.

There has also been strong U.S. criticism of Israeli air and ground raids into Lebanon. Vance notified congress last Tuesday that Israel may have broken U.S. law which requires that U.S.-supplied weapons be used only in self-defense.

Hinting at possible punitive action, Vance said Israel had used U.S.-supplied mobile artillery in southern Lebanon. In the past few days, there have been signs Israel



Robert Strauss

may be withdrawing its armor. Israel has rejected all criticism, saying its raids were directed exclusively at military targets, all of them PLO bases.

The U.S. has also complained about new Israeli settlements. Ground for a new settlement outside Jerusalem was broken on Thursday, and the State Department expressed official regret over the action. Begin insists that all settlements are legal.

Underlying these frictions are more fundamental factors, in the view of officials in Washington.

Israel is seen as currently in a state of general malaise from galloping inflation, now at 100 per cent a year, and deep uncertainties about future political leadership.

The government crisis was underscored by Dayan's charge that the Israeli cabinet resembled a walking dead man.

Ramallah mayor raps U.S. policy

AMMAN, Aug. 11 (R) — The Palestinian mayor of the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Ramallah Saturday accused the United States of adopting a policy of tension and instability in the Middle East.

This policy, Karim Khalaf said, was aimed at dividing Arab interests in the region.

Khalaf told the English language paper the *Jordan Times* that he did not think America's position on the Palestinian issue would change.

"Until the present moment, the U.S. has been biased against it and has worked continuously to stand against any decisions taken in favor of the Palestinians."

He said, for example, the U.S. used its right of veto to block United Nations General Assembly resolution 3236 that recognizes our right of self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

"Since Israel is a small American governorate, it has priority in the American budget and it is a military base established to protect U.S. interests in the area."

Khalaf, who is visiting Amman, will be leaving soon with three other West Bank mayors on a visit to the U.S.

Congressmen urge Carter to abandon strike force

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP) — Twenty-eight members of Congress have urged President Jimmy Carter not to create a 100,000-troop Gulf strike force for emergency protection of U.S. oil interests.

"We trust and hope that you will act decisively to curb any such policy of military adventurism," said the members of the group called Members of Congress for Peace Through Law.

They said they wrote because "we understand there is a debate within your administration over whether or not the 'strike force' concept is the wisest course to take."

Carter administration officials have said the United States might use military force if necessary to protect vital interests, including oil, but have said forming a strike force is only a contingency plan.

Gen. Bernard Rogers, former army chief of staff and now supreme allied commander in Europe, has said a corps of about 110,000 troops could be developed to sustain itself for 60 days in the Middle East.

But Secretary of Defense Harold Brown said July 25 that is "only a plan. We're not talking about any entirely new force."

Iraqi envoys carry messages to Arabs

BAGHDAD, Aug. 11 (Agencies) — Three envoys of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein began delivering messages to Arab heads of state Saturday, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

The messages were described by one envoy as related to the Arab position on "imperialism and Zionism."

King Hussein Saturday received Saadoun Abadan, a member of the Revolutionary Command Council and deputy prime minister. Abadan will also be coming to Saudi Arabia, North Yemen and Somalia.

INA said Abdullafattah Muhammad Amin, also a member of the council and minister of local government, is to visit Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania.

The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah received the third Iraqi envoy Saturday, Burhaneddin Abdul Rahman, who then continued on to Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.

Iraq's information minister said in an interview Saturday that his

country had emerged stronger from its recent purges and stood by its commitments to oppose Egyptian-Israeli peace efforts.

King sends best wishes to Hussein

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — King Khaled has congratulated King Hussein on the anniversary of his accession to the Jordanian throne.

In a cable from here Saturday the King sent his best wishes to Hussein and also said he hopes the Jordanian people continue to enjoy progress, success and prosperity.

The King also sent a congratulatory message to President Lul Muhammad Shawa of Chad on the occasion of that country's independence day.

In addition, the King received a message from the President of Switzerland, thanking him for his message marking the Swiss national day.

Carter vows to protect Lebanon

BEIRUT, Aug. 11 (R) — President Carter has assured President Elias Sarkis that the U.S. will not allow Israel to launch another invasion of South Lebanon, a well-informed Beirut newspaper said Saturday.

An *Nahar*, an independent daily, said the pledge was contained in a personal message delivered to Sarkis by U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean Friday.

U.S. embassy officials were not immediately available for comment.

Israeli troops withdrew from

most of South Lebanon after an invasion in March last year, but have maintained control of a strategic belt of border territory.

Western diplomatic sources in Beirut Friday said that Israel has withdrawn several U.S.-supplied 155 MM howitzers from the area.

The move followed a warning by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last Tuesday that Israel may have violated an agreement which stipulates that its American weapons can only be used for defense.

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Anti-Haidalla group formed

Mauritania-Morocco meeting soured

RABAT, Aug. 11 (AP) — A goodwill visit by Mauritania's prime minister aimed at easing tensions over the former Spanish Sahara went sour when the creation of a Morocco-based movement opposing the Mauritania regime was announced Friday.

The once-close relations between the two neighbors have been strained by Mauritania's decision to make peace with guerrillas fighting for Saharan independence, while Morocco refuses to call a truce with the insurgents.

Mauritanian Premier Mohamed Ould Haidalla left for home Saturday after a 24-hour visit during which he met King Hassan II in an effort to head the rift.

But in the midst of the visit, the formation of "the Islamic Democratic Front of Mauritania, made up of Mauritanian exiles," was announced.

The leader of this movement, Lt. Col. Abdelkader, used to be chief of the Mauritanian Air Force under the regime overthrown a year ago by Mauritania's present military regime.

Abdelkader proclaimed his movement to be opposed to "the capitulation of the present leadership" to the Sahara guerrillas — a

reference to Mauritania's decision last week to withdraw its troops from the territory.

Foreign Minister Abdou Ould Abdallah, who accompanied Lt. Col. Haidalla to reporters at the airport that King Hassan had been told that Mauritania had renounced its claims to Western Sahara "and considers itself disengaged from the conflict."

Ould Abdallah said the two leaders agreed to do nothing that would threaten the mutual security of their countries.

King Hassan stressed that he intended to ensure the defense and territorial integrity of Mauritania.

While in Washington Genscher dissociated himself from a proposal made by Juergen Moellmann, a foreign policy expert in his Free Democratic Party for Palestinian self-determination and increased contacts with the

Morocco, but both sides agreed that the close relations between them would not be affected, he added.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta said in a press interview Friday that the southern third of Western Sahara which had been claimed by Mauritania, known as Tiris el-Gharbia, was now regarded by Morocco as part of its territory.

As well as the Moroccan forces stationed in Mauritania, about 25,000 troops are reported to be operating in the Western Sahara against Polisario guerrillas.

Genscher readies for M.E. talks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher headed home Saturday to prepare for a round of talks with Israeli and Arab leaders after sounding out the latest U.S. thinking on the Middle East.

While in Washington Genscher dissociated himself from a proposal made by Juergen Moellmann, a foreign policy expert in his Free Democratic Party for Palestinian self-determination and increased contacts with the

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

He said he had no plan to meet PLO chairman Yasser Arafat on his Middle East trip.

before he left Friday night, Genscher had a 45-minute meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

Pentagon officials said the West German minister emphasized the importance of improving NATO's nuclear and conventional force and in turn heard Brown caution that U.S. resources were limited.

Across Islamic world

Mecca prayers will be broadcast live

JEDDAH, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Isha and Tarawih prayers during the last 10 days of Ramadan will be broadcast live from the Holy Haram in Mecca under the directive of the King and the Crown Prince.

Information Minister Dr.

Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the two prayers and the supplication would be shown live by satellite on the evening of Ramadan 28 (Aug. 21) in all parts of the Islamic world. The dawn prayer and the Eid Al-Fitr prayer will also be shown live.

More than 35 television stations from different parts of the world will take part in this transmission.

During the Eid festivities, Dr. Yamani said, Saudi television will screen a special program showing the Eid prayers at Islamic Centers in Washington, Sao Paulo, London, Paris, Rome, Brussels, Sydney, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Karachi, Tebran and Nairobi, and at the grand mosques in Arab capitals.

Saudi radio will also broadcast the last Friday prayer of the month of Ramadan from the Holy Haram. Many Arab and Islamic broadcasting systems will coordinate in the transmission.

The minister expressed his best wishes to all Muslims and asked God to bless the Arab and Islamic world with peace and stability.

It was announced Friday in Taif that the World Islamic Youth Conference, in cooperation with the International Arab and Islamic Schools Federation, will organize an Islamic camp in Cyprus on Sept. 6.

Assistant Secretary General of the conference Ahmad Tutanji said that the camp's activities include educational and sports programs and seminars and lectures given by intellectuals from Saudi Arabia and Islamic states.

The camp will last for a month,

and 150 students from all Arab and Islamic countries will take part.

Riyadh, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The board of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University will open 20 institutes to teach the Holy Koran and the Hadith during the summer holidays.

In a meeting Friday chaired by Minister of Higher Education and Rector of Universities Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh, the board agreed to open 20 academic institutes.

Ports body to oversee boycott rules on ships

JEDDAH, Aug. 11 — The Saudi Ports Authority is to supervise the operation of the blacklist against ships under the regulations of the Arab boycott of Israel.

Until now the Ministry of the Interior has been in charge of ensuring the regulations are enforced on ships entering Saudi ports.

Merchant vessels are blacklisted by the Damascus boycott office if they call at both Arab and Israeli ports on the same voyage — although tourist liners are allowed to stop at an Arab port first — or if they are chartered by



Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani

an Israeli firm, carry weapons or ammunition for Israel or carry Israeli exports.

Dr. Fayez Badr, president of the Saudi Ports Authority and minister without portfolio, has instructed port directors to keep a register of blacklisted vessels in Latin alphabetical order, registering boycott office decisions and dates, leaving a space for any decision on lifting the boycott or changing the name of the vessel or its ownership.

A new section inside the Marine Department is to be formed, to be called the Boycott Department.

Planning aide says:

Saudi manpower plan has been worked out

TAIF, Aug. 11 — A strategy has been worked out to develop trained Saudi manpower for the third five-year development plan, which runs from 1980 to 1985, according to assistant Deputy Minister of Planning Hussein Sejini.

He told *Okaz* Saturday that the Council of Ministers had approved that the plan will center on widening the country's industrial and agricultural base, preserving Islamic values and following and spreading Islamic tradition, and cutting down foreign labor except in cases of utmost necessity.

He added that even when they were needed badly, efforts should be exerted to replace foreign hands with Saudis.

He also said that the plan will cut down on investment in infrastructure except when it directly serves the productive sector.

The plan lays stress on maintenance to safeguard public property such as buildings, roads and equipment.

Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer told *Saudi Business* recently that the Council of Ministers was considering changes in educational opportunities in an

effort to hasten manpower training in the Kingdom.

He did not reveal specific details, but said that "in the second five-year plan, the government had to import foreign workers to execute development projects. This decision was valid, and still is, but we learned in the process some negative effects which should be avoided. We will try to avoid these as much as possible in third plan."

Training

DAMMAM, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The Dammam Vocational Center will start accepting applications to



Sheikh Hisham Nazer

join the sixth session of evening classes on Sept. 1.

It offers training in electricity and general mechanics.

To friendly states

137 teachers to go abroad

JEDDAH, Aug. 11 — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter has approved the second round of 137 Saudi teachers to Gulf and other friendly states.

The teachers will work in North Yemen, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Pakistan, Algeria, Lebanon, Mauritania, Malaysia, Ghana, the Comoro Islands, Nigeria and France.

In the meantime, Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan

ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh said Friday that the Saudi-French Joint Commission on Academic Cooperation will meet for the first time in September.

He said that the committee will help reinforce educational and cultural ties between the two countries, and the Kingdom was eager to acquaint Saudi scholars with French expertise in higher education.

The committee was set up after a visit to France by Sheikh Hassan.

International telephone lines down Wednesday

JEDDAH, Aug. 11 — All international telephone contacts through satellite will be suspended Aug. 15 to avoid any possible effect of a solar eclipse on local satellite stations.

Deputy Minister of PTT for Telephones Faisal Zaidan has sent a circular informing all the telephone departments in the Kingdom of the decision.

Minister of PTT Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal approved a contract with a Saudi firm to import 300 franking machines.

PTT Training, Planning and Budget Director Muhammad Said Al-Shifri said that 250 men will be trained to operate and maintain the machines under the contract.

They will be distributed to 92 post offices, putting one in every post office with electric power across the Kingdom.

Shihri said 300 of the machines now in use have proved their efficiency. Their speed has helped reduce the queues in post offices.

The machines are the first step to mechanizing postal service to reduce the need for manpower and improve efficiency.

Minister gets

U.N. medal

TAIF, Aug. 11 (SPA) — The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has awarded Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh a commemorative medal for the Kingdom's efforts in expanding agriculture.

The minister received the medal from Dr. Ibrahim Al-Adli, the U.N. representative to Saudi Arabia.

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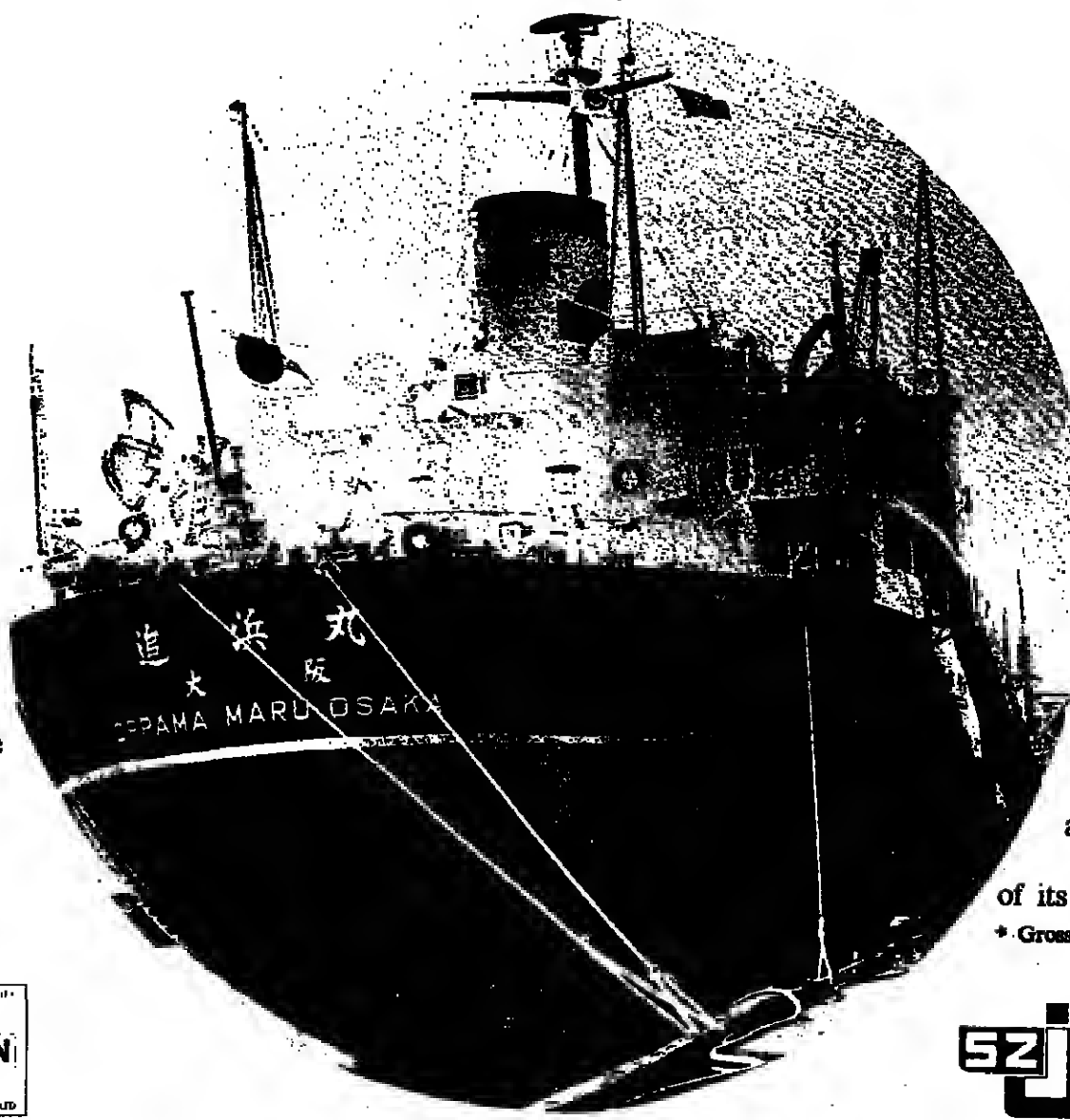
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Refuses firm's claim

Tehran asks compensation for Kraftwerk cancellations

TEHRAN, Aug. 11 (R)—Iran wants compensation from West Germany's Kraftwerk Union for last month's cancellation of a contract to build two nuclear power stations on the Gulf, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said Friday.

Fereydoon Sahabi said Iran had no intention of meeting Kraftwerk's own claim for over one billion marks (\$550 million) in back payments.

Iran has not yet worked out how much it will demand of the five billion marks (\$3 billion) it has already paid Kraftwerk, Sahabi said.

"We have evidence to show that the work done was not worth that much," he said. He hoped the compensation claim could be settled through negotiations.

Asked if Iran might take Kraftwerk to an international court, Sahabi said he hoped the issue could be settled in talks between AEOI, Kraftwerk and the Iranian and West German governments.

No date had been set for any negotiations, he said.

"We believe that not only should we not pay Kraftwerk any more money but that they should actually give us back some of that

we have already handed to them," he said.

Asked whether Iran might drop its claim if Kraftwerk dropped its claim he said "This is a compromise we cannot accept."

Kraftwerk formally terminated its contract to build two 1,200-megawatt reactors at the Gulf port of Bushire on July 28 and the next day pulled out the few remaining West German maintenance staff.

When it cancelled the contract, Kraftwerk said it had not been paid since the summer of 1978. Work continued normally until shortly before February's overthrow of the Shah.

Kraftwerk was the first major Western company to cancel a contract with the new regime. Until then, it had been the other way around, the Iranians scrapping dozens of Western contracts signed under the Shah.

One of the reactors was 85 per cent complete and the other 75 per cent.

Kraftwerk said at the time of the cancellation both could be ruined in six months unless they were maintained properly.

Sahabi said Friday the AEOI was working to keep the site ready for implementing any future government decision.

Replacement In Tehran the Islamic prosecutor appointed by Ayatollah Khomeini after Iran's February revolution, Mehdi Hadavi, has been replaced by a Muslim cleric, the Voice of the Islamic Republic radio said Friday night.

Hadavi caused a storm of protest three days ago, when he ordered the closure of the leading Tehran daily newspaper "Ayan-degan."

But sources in the prosecutor's office insisted his resignation was submitted three weeks ago and had nothing to do with the press case.

The sources said Hadavi had tried to resign about 20 times since his appointment because of alleged government attempts to interfere in the running of the parallel system of Islamic revolutionary justice.

The new Islamic prosecutor appointed by Ayatollah Khomeini is Sheikh Ali Ghobadli, who used to teach at the theological school in Qom, where Khomeini lives south of Tehran.



Butros Ghali

Pakistan envoy rejects senator's warning to India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 11 (AP)—Pakistan's ambassador to India on Saturday described as "misinformed, incorrect and illogical" a reported statement by Sen. Charles Percy (R-Illinois) about Pakistan's nuclear development program.

Ambassador Abdul Sattar said Percy on a vacation in India and Bhutan told reporters in Calcutta Friday that Pakistan had begun the process of building a nuclear bomb.

Sattar criticized Percy for reportedly pointing out the "closeness of range of New Delhi Calcutta and Bombay from Pakistan."

"It is regrettable that such a horrible thought was expressed by the distinguished senator," the Pakistani envoy said in a printed statement. "... No responsible person from any country can win respect by trying to instigate fear and suspicion between India and Pakistan. Percy, en route to Bhutan, could not be reached for comment."

But during an earlier stop in New Delhi, he said he had discussed with Indian officials the prospect that Pakistan hopes to develop nuclear arms.

Pakistan plans commerce courts

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 11 (AP)—The government said Saturday it will set up special commercial courts to try cases of malpractices in exports and imports.

It will be the first institutional arrangement to try cases of foreign trade malpractices, which were previously handled by ordinary criminal courts. The new law is expected to be promulgated in the next few days.

Egypt does not fear nonaligned rejection

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AP)—Egypt is unlikely to be expelled from the nonaligned movement at a summit meeting in September in Havana, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali said Friday.

"There is no provision in the movement for the expulsion of any member and there is nothing in Egypt's policy that contradicts the principles of nonalignment," Ghali told a news conference.

Therefore, Ghali said, "I don't believe the nonaligned countries ever thought about taking such a measure which is basically a contradiction with the whole philosophy of nonalignment."

Arab hardliners resolved at a summit meeting in Baghdad shortly after the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was signed to seek Egypt's expulsion from international movements and organizations.

The effort resulted in Egypt's membership being suspended in the Arab League and Islamic Conference but failed to win African support at the Organization of African Union summit last month in Monrovia.

Egypt is counting on allies in Africa and Asia to stop any such attempts at Havana.

Ghali, who flies to India for a preparatory meeting of non-

aligned countries next week, attacked a communique circulated by Cuba which was critical of the peace initiative.

Ghali said Egypt was circulating its own 16-page document which proposes amendments and additions to the Havana draft.

He accused the Cubans of favoring "one superpower over another" and said the Havana draft "is a proposal introducing new theories and new ideologies which are not in conformity with nonalignment."

He said there was no place in the movement for a "policy of confrontation or class struggle."

Meanwhile, U.S. Asst. Secretary of Defense David McGiffert arrived in Cairo Friday for three days of talks with Egyptian military officials on arms to be bought with a \$1.5 billion U.S. loan.

Egypt has already ordered 35 F-4 Phantom jet fighters, about 700 armored personnel carriers and other hardware, but McGiffert told a news conference the list had not been completed.

"I am here to pursue the security consultations that were begun in February," he said.

The United States has also pledged to help Egypt with technical aid in maintaining its own arms production industry, crippled by the cancellation of the Arab Organization for Industries.

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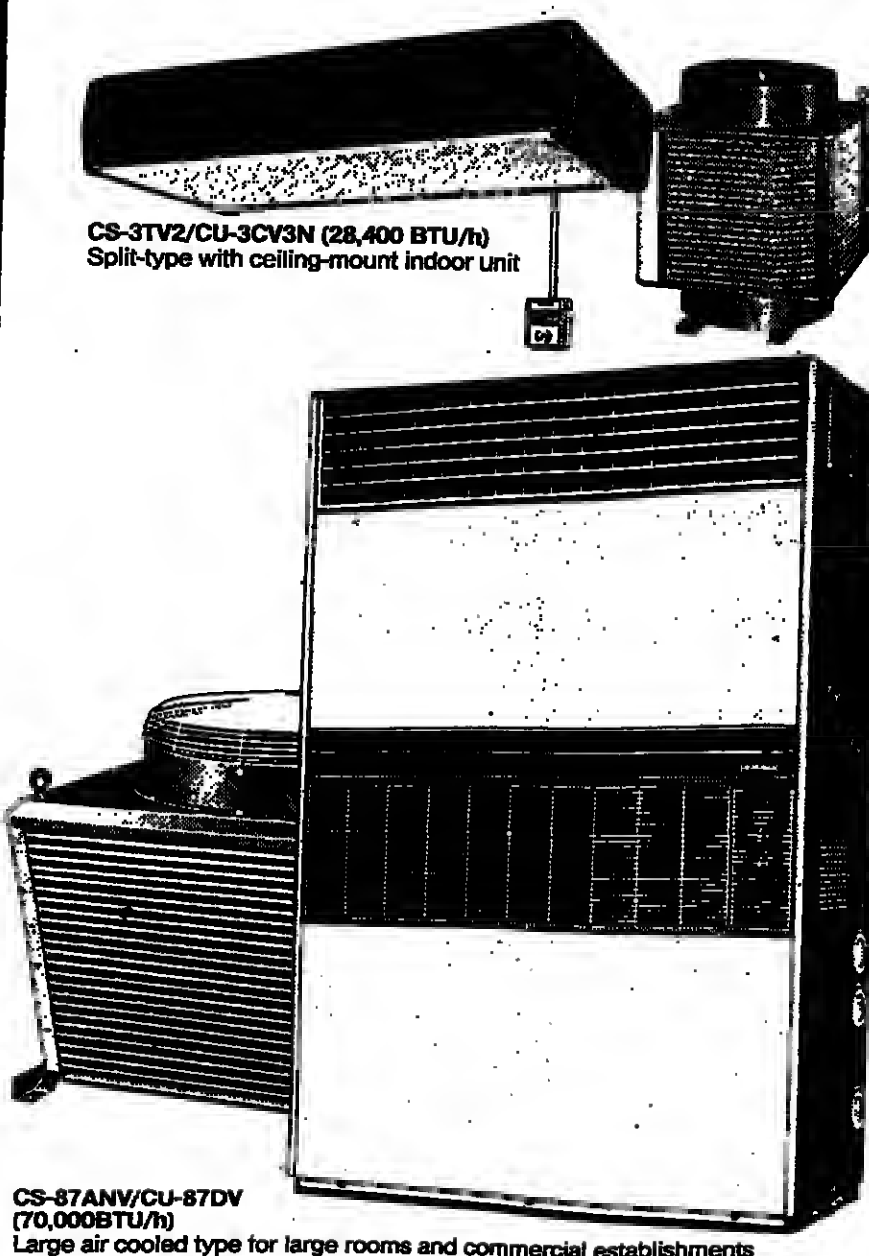
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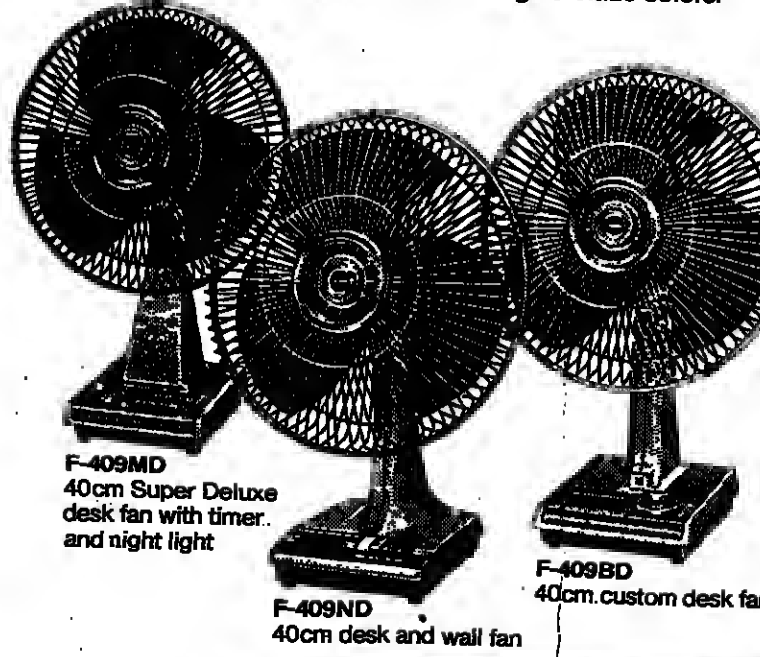
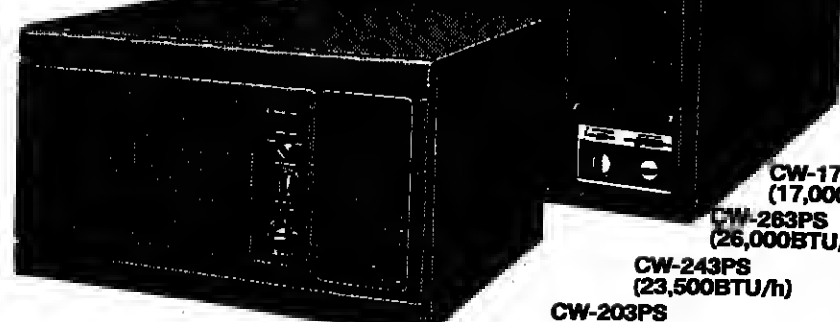
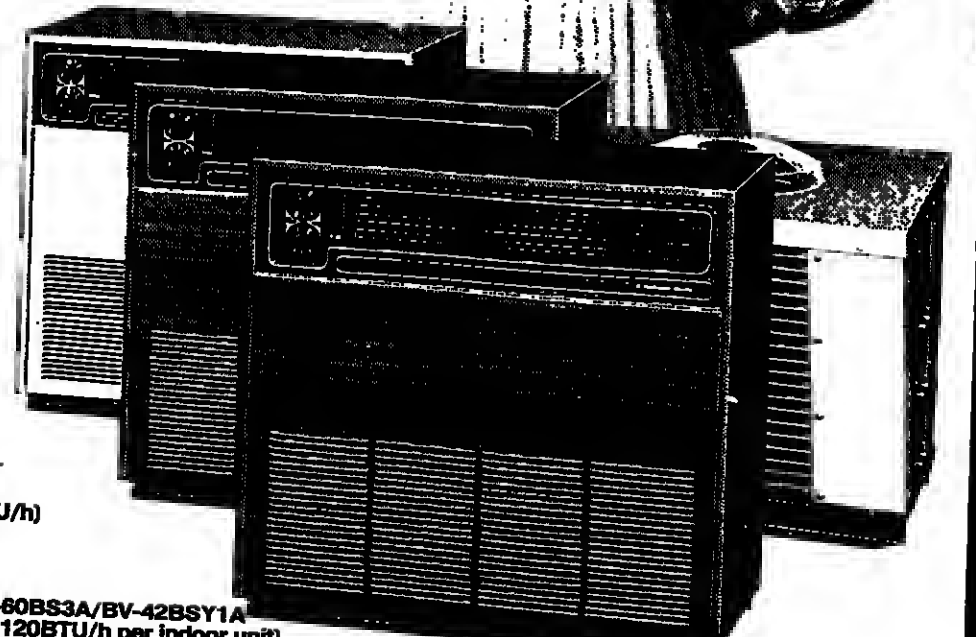
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Ceausescu criticizes excessive East bloc military expenditure

VIENNA, Aug. 10 (R) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu says that rising Warsaw Pact military budgets and domestic oil reserves were placing heavy burdens on his country's economy.

Ceausescu, who spoke to miners in the southern Jiu Valley Friday said that Communist military spending had reached unjustifiable levels which would result in insecurity rather than improved defense.

He also revealed that Romania's oil reserves, once enough to meet all the country's needs, were very low and said purchase of oil abroad was almost impossible, the official Agerpres news agency said.

In recent weeks, the Romanian government has introduced a series of drastic energy-saving measures designed to return the country to self-sufficiency by 1990.

It raised the price of gasoline by

60 per cent in two increases since June and ordered electricity consumption cuts of about one third last month.

Bucharest also angered its Communist allies Aug. 1 by demanding that East European tourists pay for gas in hard currency.

East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia sent delegations to Romania to discuss the measure which left thousands of tourists stranded at the Romanian border.

"Nothing can justify the level reached by the arms race now," Ceausescu said.

"We fulfil our duties to our allies, but we think that a limit has been reached and military expenditures beyond this limit mean insecurity."

"They are a heavy burden on the people's shoulders," the president said. "They hinder the progress of nations and endanger world peace."

Ceausescu called on the miners



President Ceausescu

to expand coal production quickly and said their pits would soon be fully mechanized as part of the government's plan to derive 60 per cent of the country's power output from coal by 1990.

"More than 80 per cent of our energy is produced by oil now, but our reserves are very low," he said.

"The price of oil is very high now and it is almost impossible to purchase it," he added.

Romania, once self-sufficient in oil, has become a net importer and has been seeking oil from the Soviet Union and some Middle Eastern producers apparently without success.

Over \$100m of Somoza holdings taken over

Managua, Aug. 11 (AP) — Nicaragua's revolutionary government has expropriated 85 companies and a half million acres of farmland owned or controlled by ex-President Anastasio Somoza and his associates, an official of the ruling junta said Friday.

Fernando Guzman, director of the National Trust Office, estimated the value of the seized property at more than \$100 million and said the total could reach \$500 million in several months as auditors go through the maze of Somoza's holdings.

He said most of the businesses were in debt and in poor condition.

The new government was established by the Sandinista National Liberation Front last month after Somoza was ousted in a bloody rebellion. It has declared it will adopt a mixed economy of private enterprise and government ownership.

Somoza's holdings included from 1.6 to 2.2 million acres of land out of 57 million square miles in Nicaragua, and the country's



Anastasio Somoza

shipping firm and only airline, Lanica. Most of the land was used for grazing cattle, and could provide about seven acres for each of Nicaragua's 300,000 farm families.

Guzman said more than half the Somoza companies were in debt to Nicaraguan banks, which have been nationalized, or foreign banks, and some were broke.

"A typical case was the Mamenic Shipping Line, owned totally by Somoza," Guzman said. "It had debts of \$7 million and eight boats that were almost unusable, only one of which has been repaired."

He said Lanica had only one passenger airliner, a Boeing 727, and it was in Florida where it was taken before Somoza's government collapsed. The government is seeking its return, Guzman said.

U.S. stand on territorial waters prompts U.N. sea body inquiry

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (AP) — A recent U.S. decision to send ships and planes into disputed territorial waters around the world drew inquiry Friday from leading officials of the U.N. Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Undersecretary-General Bernardo Wuleta, who heads the conference secretariat, has asked the U.S. delegation for information on the U.S. move, spokesman Raoul Trejos said.

The United States claims only a 4.8 kilometer limit on territorial waters and refuses to recognize foreign claims of a greater distance. These range as far as 320 kilometers, with 19.2 kilometer the most common limit.

Trejos declined to say what effect the U.S. policy had on the conference, now in its sixth year, but individual delegate's reactions ranged from concern to ridicule.

The conference, which is now

holding its eighth session at U.N. headquarters, reached agreement some time ago on a world-wide 19.2 kilometer limit for territorial seas controlled by coastal states. Beyond the territorial water up to 320 kilometers is to be an economic zone in which fishing and exploitation of other

resources is controlled by the coastal states but use of the sea is permitted for all shipping and transit purposes.

While other issues, primarily exploitation of the seabed, are holding up a treaty, most conference delegates regard the territorial seas question as a settled issue.

Nonaligned seen chiding Cuba on Cambodia issue

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 11 (AP) — Cuba came under fire in the non-aligned group here Friday for not inviting Prime Minister Pol Pot's Cambodian government to non-aligned meetings in Havana starting Aug. 28 and culminating in a summit conference Sept. 3-7.

Most countries in the group still recognize Pol Pot and his colleagues as the country's legitimate government even though last

January it lost the capital, Phnom Penh, to Prime Minister Heng Samrin's rival government, which was backed by Vietnamese troops.

Diplomats said that in private deliberations of the group here, Pol Pot's U.N. ambassador, Thiounn Prasith, complained that he had not yet got from the Cuban U.N. mission documents for the meetings, information about them and invitations to attend.

Singh ends feud with finance minister

NEW DELHI, Aug. 11 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Charan Singh and his finance minister, H. N. Bahuguna, have said they had patched up a feud in which a Bombay newspaper reported that Singh denounced Bahuguna as a Soviet agent.

The two ministers of the new Indian government installed July

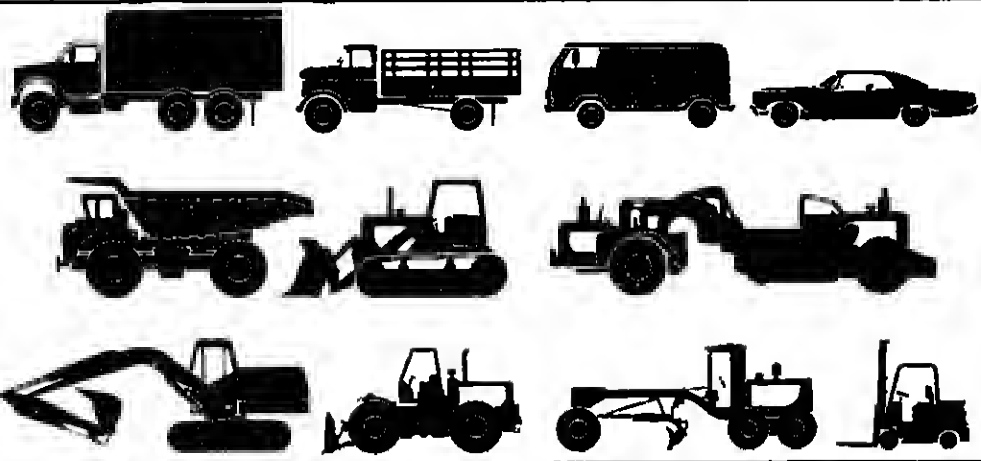
25 said in a joint statement Friday "We have found common ground, and complete understanding has replaced the earlier misunderstanding...We are today united for a common purpose and this unity will endure."

Their statement began by citing newspaper reports about "some

letters written by us to Mr. Morarji Desai when he was prime minister" and Singh and Bahuguna were both members of the Desai cabinet.

But it did not comment directly on the contents of the letters or confirm or deny the sensational version published by the Bombay Free Press Journal.

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Pirates hold leadership by fingertips

Five teams struggle to top NL East

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (AP) — The hottest race in baseball these days is in the National League East, where five teams are clawing at one another. The front-running Pittsburgh Pirates had to scramble to maintain their one-game advantage, biding off the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 to get a split of their two-night doubleheader. The Phils won the opener 4-3 in 12 innings.

The second-place Montreal Expos failed to gain ground by getting only a split of their twinbill with the New York Mets. The Mets' Craig Swan fired a seven-hitter to take the opener 7-1 before the Expos rallied to a 6-9 victory in the nightcap. The only team to gain on Pittsburgh was the red-hot St. Louis Cardinals, who swept two games from the Chicago Cubs, 13-8 and 5-3.

Jerry Mumphrey's three-run homer propelled the Cards to their opening game victory, and a four-run fifth inning made the difference in the second.

Elsewhere in the National League, Houston's Joe Niekro became the Major League's first 16-game winner of the season as the Astros nipped the Atlanta Braves 2-1. Art Lowe's two-run single in the eighth gave the Astros the win, and stretched their lead in the Western Division to 4½ games.

Second-place Cincinnati lost to San Diego, 3-2, as the Padres' Randy Jones stopped the Reds on

four hits.

Los Angeles right-hander Don Sutton fired his 50th career shutout — a five-hitter — in the Dodgers' 9-0 rout of the San Francisco Giants. Darrel Thomas led the Dodger attack with a grand slam home run.

In the American League, Eddie Murray doubled home the tying runs and scored the winner on Lee May's single to give the Baltimore Orioles an 8-6 victory over the New York Yankees. The win

keeps the Orioles 5½ games ahead of the Boston Red Sox in the American League East. Boston rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers, with Jim Rice's opposite-field double driving in the winning run.

The Minnesota Twins and Oakland 'A's split a pair of extra-inning contests. The A's won the opener 6-5 on Mike Meath's eleventh-inning sacrifice fly, and the Twins took the nightcap 3-2 in 12 innings.

Bruce Bochte's tie-breaking RBI hit in the 14th inning and a two-run single by Joe Simpson gave the Seattle Mariners an 8-6 victory over the California Angels.

The Kansas City Royals continued to climb back into contention in the AL, sweeping a doubleheader from the Detroit Tigers. The Royals rallied for a 7-6 victory in the opener and got a combined five-hitter by three pitchers for a 7-3 win in the second game.

Weather interrupts second round

Connecticut golf meet hangs fire

WETHERSFIELD, Connecticut, Aug. 11 (AP) — A thunderstorm with 96-mile-an-hour winds and hail forced the postponement of the second round of play to the \$ 300,000 Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Open late Friday afternoon.

A total of 69 golfers were stranded on the Wethersfield Country Club course, which became a sea of frantic spectators as the storm struck.

Officials decided to resume play in the second round Saturday. The third round will follow, starting at about noon after the field is cut in half.

The first-round leader, George Cadle, was among the golfers caught by the driving rain on the course. He managed to complete

12 holes of play and was eight-under-par, three strokes behind the leader, J.C. Snead.

Snead played in the morning and escaped the high winds that preceded the rain. He fired a five-under-par 66 for a 36-hole total of 11-under-par 131 and completed play about four hours before the storm struck.

Snead, who shot 65 on Thursday, birdied four of the last six holes to take the lead on the 6,534-yard, par-71 course.

Rookie Mike Brannan was alone at eight-under-par 134 after firing his second consecutive 67.

At least six players were at seven-under-par.

Snead said he did not play as well Friday as he did the day before.

"I drove the ball rather poorly."

Despite a double-bogey to the 380-yard, par-four 12th hole, Snead fashioned a four-under-par 32 on the back, nine for the best score in the early going.

Brannan, who finished second at the Houston Open in May, credited his putting with his score.

Taking three weeks off last month helped. After finishing second in Houston and in a tie for fifth the following week in Dallas, Brannan missed the cut in four of the next six tournaments.

Tom Watson, PGA champion David Graham and runner-up Ben Crenshaw did not enter the tournament.

Women

JERICHO, New York, Aug. 11 (AP) — Beth Daniel fired a two-under-par 71 Friday to take the lead at the halfway mark of the Ladies Professional Golf Association \$ 100,000 classic at the Meadow Brook Club.

Daniel, in her first year on the pro tour, was at two-under 144. Jerilyn Britz, winner of the U.S. Open earlier this year, tied for second with Muriel Breer at par 146. Breer, who completed her round after a 45-minute rain delay, had a 71, one stroke better than Britz shot Friday on the 6,460-yard, par-73 layout.

Keegan may play in U.S.

HAMBURG, Aug. 11 (R) — England soccer international Kevin Keegan has reportedly agreed to sign for the Washington Diplomats in America when his contract with Hamburg runs out next year.

The German sports news agency SID said Friday Keegan, 28, was agreed to a three-year contract with the Diplomats starting next July, at \$500,000 a year and a transfer fee of \$750,000.

Keegan was not immediately available for comment but Hamburg manager Gunter Netzer said: "We all knew that Keegan wanted to go to America at the end of this season. But I refuse to believe he has committed himself a year in advance."

Keegan had agreed to discuss a renewal of his contract with Hamburg at the end of this year.



CAUGHT : B.D. Vengarkar is caught by Ian Botham at slip off a ball from Mike Hendrick, for a duck, in the Lords Test last week. England and India drew the Test.

Replay of last year's final

Clay semis set Connors against Higuera

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug. 11 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors and No. Four seed Jose Higuera of Spain scored straight-set victories Friday in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Clay Court Tennis Championships, advancing to a replay of last year's title match.

Connors, seeking his fourth victory here, ousted 19-year-old Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 7-6. The defending champion scored seven consecutive points in the tiebreaker after Lendl rallied from a 1-4 deficit to take a 6-5 advantage.

Higuera, the runnerup a year ago, eliminated Corrado Barazzutti of Italy, 6-4, 6-1, to earn another shot at Connors in Saturday's semifinal round.

In earlier men's action Friday, second-seeded John McEnroe

reached the semis by eliminating three-time champion Manuel Orantes of Spain 6-3, 6-3.

McEnroe meets No. Three seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, who got past countryman Jose

Luis Clerc, 6-3, 7-6. He won the tiebreaker 7-5.

Chris Evert Lloyd needed only 69 minutes to defeat unseeded Renee Richards, 6-1, 6-0 in a women's semifinal.

Third successful defense

Rodriguez retains bantamweight title

LEPE, Spain, Aug. 11 (R) — Juan Francisco Rodriguez of Spain Friday night danced to a third successful defense of his European bantamweight boxing title with a unanimous points win over Freoch challenger Laurent Grimbert.

Rodriguez, 28, darted around the ring picking up precious points with jabs to the Frenchman's face. After five rounds the champ-

ion's tactics reaped reward when he opened a cut above Grimbert's left eye.

The Freoch champion fought on bravely, attempting to catch the nimble-footed Rodriguez to land a decisive punch.

But the Spaniard, using the graceful style which has brought him 13 victories in 16 professional fights, dodged and darted out of trouble.

Lloyd, who won the tournament four consecutive times starting in 1972, will play the winner of Friday night's semifinal between No. Three seed Evonne Gonggong Cawley and No. Five seed Regina Marsikova in the title match.

Cheered on by an enthusiastic 3,000 crowd in this small town 25 kilometers from Huelva, the champion cleverly kept control of the bout and rarely looked in danger of losing the title he took from Italy's Franco Zurlo in September 1978.

The Italian referee gave Rodriguez the decision by 119 points to 114, the Swiss judge by 118-113 and the Belgian by 118-114.



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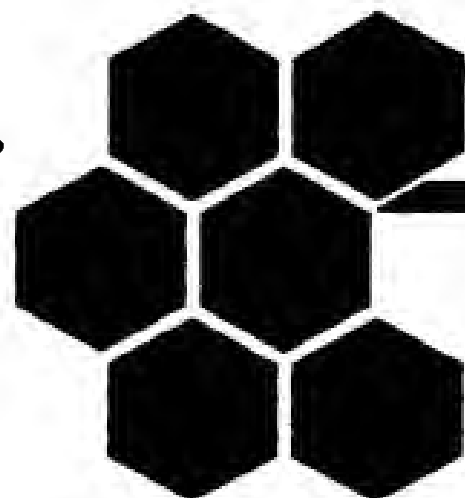
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Israel's stakes in S. Lebanon

By Dr. Clovis Maksoud

BEIRUT — The South of Lebanon is the focus of the Arab nation's attention and concern. If that level of concern is inadequate it should be enhanced. Any evidence of neglect or indifference from the principal Arab states is bound to compound further the complex issues involved in the Lebanese South. What is at stake in the Lebanese South is crucial to the Lebanese, to the Palestinians and to the Arabs in general. What is at stake is not only the restoration of the legitimate Lebanese authority over the entirety of Lebanon but also the future course of the Palestinian revolution.

Because the Palestine issue is the core of the Middle East crisis, what is involved in the Lebanese South is the credibility of the Arab nation and the future effectiveness of U.N. resolutions and mechanism.

In the South of Lebanon, Israel is seeking to settle many accounts with the Arabs in a very small and restricted arena. Foremost among these accounts are the following:

1) To strike at the Palestinian camps so that by frequent assaults on Palestinian camps and Lebanese towns and villages it is expected that the vigorous political opposition to "self-rule" and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip territories will be paralyzed. The strikes are designed to dismember the Palestinian people and reduce the PLO to one of the elements of Palestinian representation instead of the PLO being the sole representative of the Palestinians and the framework of Palestinian peoplehood and national identity.

2) Israel seeks to discredit the UNIFIL in order to perpetuate its capacity to undermine the authority of the U.N., its resolutions and its functions. The contempt with which Israel treated the U.N. Security Council resolutions 425 and 450 is unbelievably arrogant and it is clear that nothing will deter Israel from any further defiance except the imposition of economic, military and diplomatic sanctions. That the U.S. should provide Israel with immunity against such sanctions provides the license to continue in its violations and in destabilizing the region.

When Israel occupied the South it complied nominally with the article pertaining to withdrawal while cynically replacing its forces with its proxies — the illegal militias of the renegade Saad Haddad. By so doing Israel sought to maintain its military control in the South while creating at the same time conditions that will prevent further implementation of the above mentioned Security Council resolutions.

Israel for many years has sought to discredit the U.N. in order to pre-empt its isolation within the world organization and to render the U.N. resolutions inoperative and to destabilize its various peace keeping roles and mechanisms in the Middle East. In this

respect, resorts to calling the U.N. forces in South Lebanon "partisans" of the Palestinians in order to give it the impetus for engaging and confronting this international force. This explains much of these Israeli violations during the past few months. But the attempt to discredit UNIFIL is not confined only to Israel but certain groups within the Lebanese Front have undertaken to give a sort of a Lebanese political cover for this campaign. This is intended to have side benefits for Israel insofar as it renders those in South Lebanon who are challenging Lebanon's central authority an "internal" political question rather than a continuation of Israel's violation of the Security Council resolutions 450 and 425.

3) Israel seeks to perpetuate the Lebanese crisis as a bargaining card. Israel realizes that the U.S. can exercise a credible pressure on it on any particular issue at any particular time. Because of the so-called Egypt-Israel peace treaty, Begin has surmised that the U.S. wants to show some "results" on the West Bank-Gaza issue. The thrust of its potential for pressure is expected to be exercised on Israel to be more "flexible." The U.S., Israel believes, must be able to hand Sadat some "progress" on the "autonomy" negotiations. This is due to the fact that if no "progress" is made and no tangible results are visible then Sadat's stature within the Arab world would be further damaged and this would further compound his problems within Egypt itself. Hence, in order to keep U.S. pressure diffused another issue — indeed another front — should remain open. This constitutes another motive for Israel's

continued aggression on the South of Lebanon.

Begin's government believes that if the U.S. is faced with two issues at the same time then its potential for pressure is diluted and the leverage it can bring to bear on Israel will be postponed, if not removed. This will enable Israel to buy more time, create new facts and make the notion of "self rule" even more meaningless than it already is. It is said, parenthetically, that the Israeli Defense Minister Weizmann is of a different view from Begin on this matter. Weizmann believes in facilitating the task for Sadat by being a little more flexible on the West Bank. Weizmann believes that this is an historic opportunity that might not be repeated again — namely to break Egypt away once and for all from the Arab national constituency. Weizmann believes that if Israel accommodates Sadat, then it can pursue its attacks on the South of Lebanon in order to reduce the effectiveness of Palestinian resistance. But the net result of both Begin and Weizmann on this matter tends to perpetuate the demerger in the South of Lebanon.

4) Israel seeks to achieve in the South of Lebanon a strategic military hegemony. The region, in the Israeli view, must be vacated from any military presence — whether Lebanese, Arab, Palestinian or international. Israel military dominance or hegemony up to the Litani River must be recognized in return to Israel recognizing and "accepting" an administrative legal presence for the Lebanese authorities. If Israel's strategic hegemony over the South is acquiesced to and recognized then Israel can treat it as a precedent to be applied on other contested borders. With a demilitarized Sinai and an emptied South Lebanon, Israel claims to strategic hegemony over the Golan Heights and an enhanced variation of the Allon plan for the Jordan Valley will be better received by the U.S. and by those who suspect its "pax-Hebraica" objectives among Westerners. Besides, Israel will then be able to project its success in the South of Lebanon as an application of a two year old suggestion made by President Carter when he stated that the legal borders need not be the "secure" borders of Israel.

In this respect Israel has other objectives in the South — namely to prepare the ground for control over the waters of the Litani River under the pretense of "sharing" the waters. It is evident in this respect that the South of Lebanon is viewed by Israel as a variation of the West Bank, although Israel's challenge to Lebanon's legal sovereignty over the South is not as glaring and clear.

5) In the South, Israel seeks to keep the Arab Confrontation off balance as much as possible for as long as possible. The so-called "Red Line" it has declared was intended to demonstrate its de facto strategic control up to the Litani River — not only in face of the legitimate Lebanese authorities but also in the face of any emerging or proposed Arab collective effort or strategy.

The Israeli objective in this respect is to signal to the Arabs the limit to their capability

of aiding the Palestinians militarily. In other words, the Red Line that Israel declares is in its view the actual perimeter of any Arab collective presence — represented now by the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon. That the Syrian air force intercepted Israeli aerial attacks recently is in Israel's view a dangerous precedent inasmuch as it jeopardizes the concept of the Red Line and renders Israel's future aggression potentially costlier.

It is in this respect that the maintenance of the Arab consensus as it evolved during the Baghdad summit conference must be maintained. Any weakening of the United Arab front, or any cracks in the consensus will, further increase the chances of Israel asserting its strategic hegemony in the South of Lebanon. Further more, Arab collective presence in Lebanon must be made more visible and more effective not only by a show of economic and financial assistance but of diplomatic and political muscle. How to bring this about must be a matter of a collective decision at the highest levels. Israel depends on the slow motion that characterizes Arab decision-making processes to maintain its initiative in destabilization.

6) Israel seeks to keep Lebanon in a state of manageable turmoil in order to render itself a determining political factor in an Arab country. I use the term "manageable" deliberately because a totally unmanageable turmoil in Lebanon would be too exacting and excessively costly for Israel. On the other hand, turmoil must continue in order it can "share" in "managing" it.

If Israel succeeds in this objective it will then become a recognized regional power. Juxtaposed to the overall vulnerability surrounding it Israel will then be able to determine much of the developments in the region. Israel then will not only be recognized as a state but as a power in the area. It the "right to exist" will be extended to a "right to dominate."

7) To keep Lebanon from achieving its national unity as further evidence of the validity of its exclusivist and racist ideology. If the pluralist experiment in Lebanon fails, then Zionism can plant the seeds of disintegration in several other Arab societies. Thus while Zionism was the driving force in building a racist usurping structure, Zionizing the region will impoverish our national will and weaken our propensity to modern and viable statehood. In other words, through Lebanon's continued turmoil Israel is trying to disprove Arab nationalism.

What is at stake in the South of Lebanon is much more than the South of Lebanon; much more than the future of Lebanon; much more than Palestinian national and inalienable rights; much more than Arab credibility; much more than the seriousness and effectiveness of U.N. resolutions and machinery; much more than the vital energy and economic interests of many world powers. What seems to be at stake in the South of Lebanon is all the above — and more. In the South of Lebanon the Arabs will have to come to grips with the Shakespearean challenge and give their firm answer to the question, "To be or not be."



ISRAEL'S NEW AIM

As speculation intensifies regarding the nature of the present indirect contacts between the United States and the Palestinians, Israel presses on with its policy of preempting any possibility of an Arab-American understanding regarding Palestinian rights.

Official American sources had let it be known a few days ago that an indirect dialogue between America and the Palestinians is actually taking place. The Palestinians' comment was that this was by no means enough. A dialogue has been taking place for years with the United States, always indirectly, through the Soviet Union, the United Nations, various Senators or Congressmen, etc.

Yet as such contacts continue, with the central point of argument now being the difference between the "civil rights" for Palestinians as mentioned by some American officials, and the "national rights" they demand for themselves, Israel had returned once more to attack Palestinian positions and Lebanese towns in Southern Lebanon. The all too obvious aim is to distract attention from these contacts, and subvert any possibility of positive political developments arising from them.

Israel's declared objective in its constant attack on South Lebanon is the weakening of the military capability of the Palestinians as well as wresting the initiative from their hands. This has led to a reversal of roles. It was usually the Palestinians who undertook operations from there against Israel, with the Israelis then reacting in revenge. Now Israel attacks and the Palestinians react. The result remains the same.

Beyond this nothing has really changed. Constant Israeli aggression has not weakened the Palestinians militarily. Israeli announcements of Palestinian losses (both real and imaginary) cannot hide the fact that the Palestinian forces are still equal to what they were last year.

The declared objective is not, however, necessarily the real one. Numerous Arab and foreign observers are convinced now that Israel really aims at forcing UNIFIL to withdraw from South Lebanon. This would clear the scene for a new, larger Israeli adventure there.

In the absence of the United Nations force, Israel could invade the area, thoroughly root out the Palestinians, then hand it over to Israel's allies, the militias of the Lebanese right. Or it might invade to stay and divert the area's water into Israel.

Attempting either of these aims gives Israel the opportunity to strike at the Syrian forces in Lebanon, or in the Mt-Hermon area and the Golan; and this might indeed be Israel's ultimate aim. The Israelis realize that Syria cannot stand idle as the areas its allies control in the south are overrun, and its own forces just to the north become threatened. The recent air battle between Israel and Syria had shown that Syria, like Israel, has a 'Red Line' whose breach it cannot tolerate.

It is probable that Israel will not succeed in luring Syria into battle without first removing the United Nations' military presence in the area. To this end, both Israel and its allies are working hard now. Yet this need not mean that they will succeed. The Syrians are not ignorant of Israeli intentions; and the United Nations, especially those members who have contributed to the international force, have not yet shown signs of abandoning their responsibilities in the face of Israeli pressure. Further, it is probable that the United States is not party to Israel's present designs.

The Swedes know who's cheating

By Chris Mosey

STOCKHOLM — Swedish scientists claim to have removed the main stumbling block to the signing of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

They have established a seismological data center in Stockholm which is said to distinguish between tremors from an earthquake and those from a nuclear explosion.

The "spy" center is just two rooms containing an assortment of computers and recording equipment. Information from 50 World Meteorological Organization observatories around the world is fed into the computers, where it is processed rapidly to tell watching scientists just what went bang, where and when.

To be 100 per cent effective, similar centers would have to be set up in Washington and Moscow. These, together with the Swedish center would effectively police any test ban treaty emanating from the current negotiations in Geneva, at the same time giving the non-aligned nations a stake in helping to preserve world peace.

This is the picture Curt Lidgard, Sweden's representative to the Geneva Disarmament Conference, has presented to the American and Soviet representatives.

The Stockholm data center is the latest move in Sweden's campaign against nuclear weaponry, which has gained momentum steadily since the late 1950s.

Already the National Defense Research Institute's seismic array station at Hagfors, a small town in central Sweden, monitors with embarrassing accuracy Russian and American underground nuclear explosions. The Hagfors findings are publicised

directly on telex links with all the major news agencies in Stockholm.

Just recently it identified a Soviet underground test, pinpointing the explosion to the Semipalatinsk area of the USSR.

The Hagfors complex consists of three stations forming a triangle with about 25 miles between each. Signals picked up at the two unmanned stations are collated and evaluated at the third, main, station by five scientists.

A back-up group in Stockholm is engaged in research and analysis based on the Hagfors findings. Scientists claim Hagfors can detect a ground displacement of one-millionth of a millimeter.

The Stockholm data center is aimed at bringing the Soviet Union and the U.S. into the test detection act.

Dr. Ola Dahlam, who is in charge of the center, admits to some drawbacks in the seismological detection method. The main one is that the northern hemisphere has a very complete chain of seismological observatories, while south of the equator they are decidedly fewer.

But he can see no reason why, with the help of the Stockholm center, it cannot be accepted by the two super-powers as a basis for monitoring a test ban treaty. He would be prepared to study other methods and sees the centre as a beginning rather than an end in itself. "It is possible someone may come up with a better idea for monitoring tests but we have got to start somewhere," he says.

The Swedish idea is that if a test ban treaty is signed, countries all over the world could plug into the Stockholm center and there could be no chance of someone, somewhere, conducting surreptitious nuclear tests without the whole world knowing. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Newspapers Saturday led with a report on the United Nations General Assembly's extraordinary session to discuss the Palestine issue, and huge Israeli concentrations on the borders with Lebanon. Others highlighted a meeting of the Palestinian National Council scheduled to be held in Damascus Saturday to discuss the new developments in the Palestine case, particularly PLO leader Yasser Arafat's recent talks with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt. The Mecca-based *Al-Nadwa* put as its lead story Crown Prince Fahd's concern for the development of resort areas in Taif.

Newspapers also frontpaged the Mauritanian Prime Minister's talks in Rabat on the Sahara issue. Several newspapers reported in their front pages that Egypt was looking for a headquarters for its embassy in Israel and that Bonn has approved an energy conference between the European Common Market and the Gulf states. One frontpage story said Kuwait has denied having submitted any draft resolution to replace the Security Council's previous resolution 242.

One newspaper said there was a probability of Gulf states boycotting the British Lloyds Insurance Company for considering the Gulf as a region of war, and further reported that Afghan President Tarakki was in a hideout and the Muslims were preparing for a final onslaught.

Condemning Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and the former's tirade against the Arabs, *Al-Riyadh* said "Egypt thought that

considered the enemy as its friend and chose to forget the sufferings of men, women and children caused by the 'new friend'."

The paper said "the present issue was not that of venomous speeches being delivered by the Egyptian President and his Foreign Minister against the Arabs and in favor of Israel, but it was connected with a still more serious matter — the isolation of the Egyptian people from the rest of the Arab nation and implanting of discord among them."

The paper felt strongly there was much to be done to check this deterioration and to tell the Egyptian people where they actually stand now and what are those dangers that they are facing as a result of the Egyptian regime's close cooperation with the enemy.

Okaz said "the United States' attitude was not very much different from that of the Soviet Union,

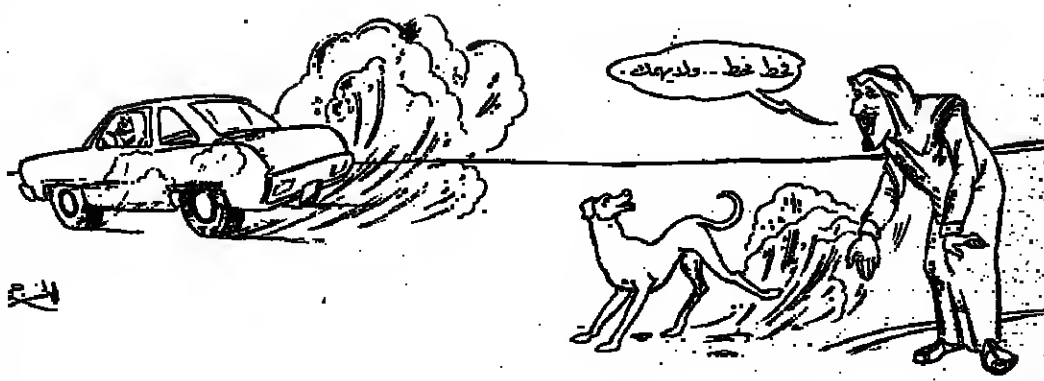
which severed its diplomatic relations with Israel to protest against the latter's aggression of 1967, but kept on supporting Israel secretly. It added that the Soviet Union was aware of Israel's need for manpower and, therefore, opened its gates to mass migration to Israel and delegations came to Israel once after the other to assist in the establishment of new Jewish settlements.

While being fully aware of the depth of American-Israeli relations as also the extent of mutual interest between Tel Aviv and Moscow, the paper said, "we know that the solution to the issue lies in our awareness of the international stances and in our ability to channel the events in our own favor."

Commenting on the Palestinian National Council's meeting in Damascus Saturday, *Al-Nadwa* said the Council was going to dis-

cuss a number of issues, particularly the attempts now being made to include the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a party in the peace negotiations. It added that "such attempts were being exerted after it became clear that no solution could be found for the Palestine issue unless the representatives of the Palestinian people themselves were included in the peace negotiations."

The paper cautioned that the council's resolutions must not be influenced by any action taken by Israel. "The council's resolution must be adopted in the light of the Palestinian rights to self-determination and the establishment of a state of Palestine on the Palestinian soil." It, however, expressed the belief that the Palestinian leaders would continue to live up to the expectations of their people and the Arab nation and would adopt a sound resolution.



"Never mind, do it again!" — AL-RYADH

Reluctant pedestrian

By John Close

His handshake betrays him. The power of his grip, which leaves you smiling stoically through the pain, could only have developed over years of guiding a bicycle through the mountain passes of Nepal and the hills of Uganda or down the steep Taif scarp to the Red Sea.

Jay Mandal has been riding his bicycle for five years through fifty countries, an 8,000-kilometer odyssey that shows no sign of slackening its pace.

"It's the love of adventure, honestly I tell you," Mandal says. "Bengalis always love adventure. My father is a bunter and my two

elder brothers are also very daredevil."

Small and lithe, Mandal has pedaled his way into village riots and out again. He has survived a head-on collision with an East African truck, torture at a Zairean army camp. He has talked his way out of more tight situations than Kim with his saddle.

He has the calm confidence of one who knows how to be alone. He also talks with the speed of one who knows he better say what there is to say before he hops on his trusty bicycle and pedals off. He is a living monument to the anecdote.

One fine cool morning in Zaire, Mandal got lost. Pedaling down a dusty road somewhere in the bush he spied a small village on the horizon. Looking forward to a hot cup of tea and conversation, he put on an extra burst of speed and rolled into the main street.

Something was wrong. There were no women getting water from the well, no chickens racing through the dust, no cackling children chasing each other down to the river. Suddenly he was surrounded by sullen-faced men in camouflage fatigues.

Smiling bravely and trying desperately to strike up a conversation with his five words of Lingala — "Hello, I am a tourist" — he was led into a small room with one tiny window and shoved into a seat in front of their huge leader.

As they stared at each other, Mandal smiling cheerily every now and then, a secretary drafted a letter of confession. Mandal refused to sign. Because it was written in French, he had no idea what nameless crimes he was alleged to have committed.

"Then the fellow just gave me two slaps" and Mandal entered that nightmare world dreaded by every explorer of the back-of-beyond.

As the officer watched impassively, two soldiers beat Mandal with their rifle butts until he was a black-and-blue incoherent heap at their feet. They dragged him back into his chair and while one held his arms flat on the desk the other scraped his palms with rusty nails until he screamed he would sign anything.

One of the crowd of soldiers peering through the window volunteered to translate the letter into English. He was a Zambian serving in the Zaire army and the first friendly face Mandal had seen all day.

"I cycled into a Zaire army camp and I promise never to do it again," the letter read. Such,

Mandal says charitably, is the evil of the language barrier.

"What happened was not my fault, it was not their fault. I bear them no grudges, I am telling you. Communication is the main thing."

Mandal has a curious combination of courage and timidity. A cheerful survivor of effective if not exactly subtle torture, he races off into the sunset in terror at the sight of an 11-inch garter snake on the Christian By-Pass to Taif. It seems that insects and reptiles, rather than Zaire's dungeons, are the terrors he will remember from his travels. A huge green scorpion woke him up before the thundering trucks on an Abu Dhabi highway one morning. "It was horrible — the size of a dinner plate and an awful green."

His source of comfort is his bicycle. Not surprisingly it has become for him almost a living creature. "I love the cycle so

much. She is from India no doubt of it. If the road is muddy I carry her over the puddles." It is home. It is a friend, a mother, a protector and provider; the one thing, but for tires and tubes, that remains the same from day to day.

In the five years since December 1974, Mandal has travelled through India, Africa and Southeast Asia. Next on the horizon is a trip across the Sahara from Libya to Morocco, then Russia for the 1980 Moscow Olympics and on to the Americas. He plans to compete as a cyclist at the 1982 Asian Games in India. His journey will end in 1986 when he hopes to enter graduate school in the United States.

He left home at the age of 21. He will return at 31. So far he has spent \$30,000, earning money from odd jobs, and slide shows as he goes along. Air India grants him free passage between continents and one or two corporate

sponsors help with expenses.

Cycling is a passion and a discipline, like the yoga he practises daily. The sands of the Dahna and the savannah of Uganda merely support his wheels and head. He is a very wiry young man.

Mandal carries 25 kilos in extra weight — a change of clothing, a Nikon and a diary. He assiduously maintains his journal and takes reels of color photographs. As he flits through places and ages, he clings to a sense of permanence.

He has the pride of a survivor. Once in Tanzania, he took a walk into the bush and returned to find two Masai tribesmen in possession of his bicycle. They had found it on their land and they intended to keep it.

When informed somewhat beligerently that the bicycle was no longer his, Mandal smiled and nodded, gesturing to it as a gift, as payment for the use of the land. He then brought out some food and offered to break bread with his new-found friends. After a few bites, he asked if he could go in search of water. Loud guffaws greeted the request and he was told to share the traditional Masai drink of blood, milk and cow's urine.

Swallowing his fear, Mandal somehow made them understand that in his country you had to drink water with food, or face some supernatural punishment. He promised to be right back as water was surely over the next hill and, boarding his bicycle with a friendly wave, rode off down the track.

"I carry many sweet memories of Africa."

Mandal arrived in the Middle East in January of last year. Curiously, in an Arabian Peninsula with its own tradition of nomadic life, he has had to explain the reasons for wandering more often than anywhere else in the world. Perhaps, moving from place to place as an end in itself seems pointless to those who have to do it to survive.

His explanation that he does it for fun draws only puzzled frowns and shrugs from bedouin. More than once he has had to refuse the gift of a motorbike or a pickup truck. "They think I am poor."

He has had only one unpleasant experience from the wilds of Oman to the coast of the Red Sea. Parched from thirst on a lonely stretch of road in Saudi Arabia's central desert, Mandal flagged

down a trucker to ask for water. As he reached for the glass, Mandal, a Hindu, discovered that Sikhism, founded in India as a bridge between Hinduism and Islam, is anathema to the strict Nejd. The driver saw his silver bangle, worn by all Sikhs, dashed the cup from his lips and disappeared down the road.

In the Gulf, Mandal was warned that Ramadan was not the time to visit Saudi Arabia. "I was told in the emirates that the Saudis are arrogant and they do not give any admiration to others especially during this fasting time but this is not the case." While staying at a youth center in Taif, he dutifully waited to eat until dusk but the boys insisted he follow his own customs. "Why are you suffering, they asked me. There is no need for you to fast."

Mandal has learned this sort of tolerance in his travels. "I am not boasting believe me but now I feel I can adapt to anything, any climate, any food, any people. I am like an Indian peacock which they say can eat any poison and be just very happy."

As he turns to go, Mandal walks straight into the door, as if unaccustomed to the pedestrian life.

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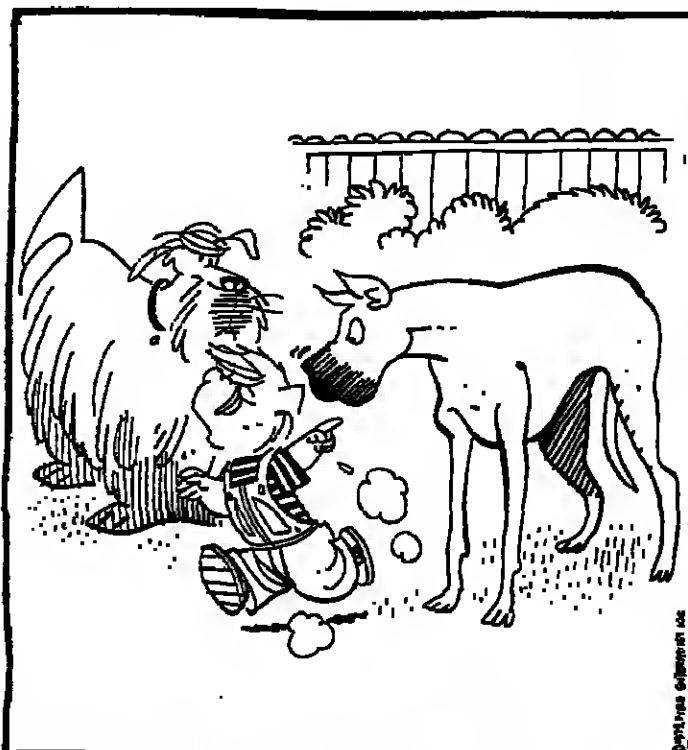
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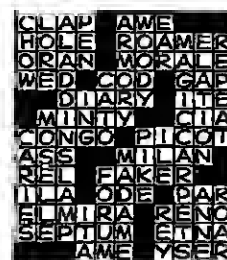
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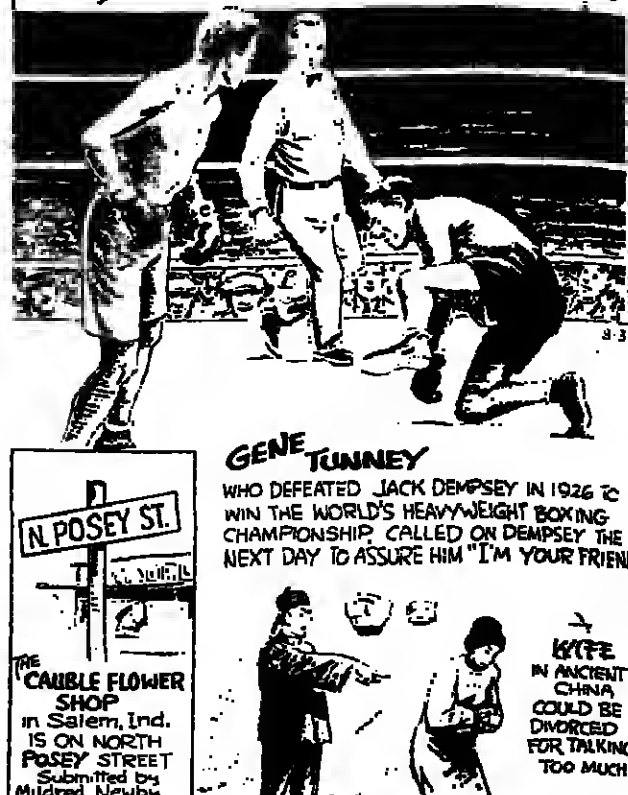


DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
S R DSEK ITWPBMP BK FZT
KSYT MDV ASRTK GBFZ
YMIT P.T.G FTTFZ - SPMP
Yesterday's Cryptquote: AFTER SILENCE, THAT WHICH COMES NEAREST TO EXPRESSING THE INEXPRESSIBLE IS MUSIC. - ALDOUS HUXLEY

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

A 8 3

K 9 5

Q 8 3

J 10 9

WEST

K 10 8 7 2

Q 10 8 7 2

J 10 8

SOUTH

K 8 3

Q 10 9 7 6 4

J 10 9 7 6 4

A 4

The bidding:

West North East South

1♣ 3♣ 2♣ 2♣

2♣ 3♣ 3♣ 3♣

Opening lead - king of spades.

heart tricks and going down one.

Wang solved the problem in a remarkable fashion. At trick one he played the three of spades from dummy and the five from his hand!

As a direct result of this play, the contract could not be defeated. West continued with the queen of spades and declarer again played low from dummy, ruffing in his hand with the six of trumps.

Wang then cashed the ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy by playing the seven of diamonds to the king, led the queen of clubs and ruffed. When the queen held, declarer continued his extraordinary line of play by leading dummy's ace of spades and discarding his ace of clubs!

Wang next led dummy's jack of clubs, covered by East with the king. South ruffed with the nine, led his carefully preserved four of diamonds to dummy's five, and discarded two of his hearts on the 10-9 of clubs. The only tricks Wang lost were a spade and a heart.

If you don't think this was a virtuoso performance by Wang, just show the hand to your friends, letting them see all 52 cards, and challenge them to make five diamonds with the North-South cards. If they succeed in performing the feat, you might be better off if you stopped playing bridge against them!

This deal occurred in the 1964 World Olympiad match between the Philippines and the Republic of China (Taiwan). You may not approve of the bidding - East's two club bids seem exceptionally tight - but that's the way it went.

West led the king of spades and the Chinese declarer (Chien Hwa Wang) had an enormously difficult problem to solve. Although it seemed likely that the club finesse would succeed, there was a grave danger of losing three

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYERS TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:42	6:04	12:33	3:55	6:56	8:56
Medina	4:36	5:56	12:34	4:02	7:01	9:02
Nejd	4:09	5:35	12:05	3:31	6:31	8:31

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Elec. Co : 468, Top Cat : Space Monday Safety Film : Playground The Briny Burro
5:53 Superman	Danger Animals
5:57 W.W. World of Animals	Pai Carrol
6:19 Celebrity Cooks	Treatment of Kidney failure
6:43 Consultations	Arsenal VS. South Hampton
7:12 Soccer	Come September
8:20 Famous Film	

WEATHER

Clouds in the western and southwestern highlands and the Western Province will cause rainstorms. Moderate summer weather will prevail in the rest of Saudi Arabia, hot during the day in the Western Province.

Winds will blow mostly westerly at moderate speed, gaining in speed in the northern and eastern regions.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be choppy in the Gulf and moderate in the Red Sea.

Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	46	31	Tabuk	35	22
Jeddah	42	27	Turaif	34	16
Riyadh	42	25	Rafha	41	22
Dhahran	41	27	Bisha	37	20
Medina	39	24	Sulayil	42	26
Taif	32	19	Khamis Musheit	28	16

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SUNDAY

Afternoon Transmission

2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Reflections on Fasting
2:10 Saudi Tableau
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Off the Record
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Leaps & Bounds
3:30 Selection of Music
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran

9:05 A Message of Ramadan
9:10 Light Music
9:15 The World Atlas
9:45 Arabic by Radio
9:55 Music
10:00 Life in Ramadan
10:05 Youth Welfare
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S. Chronicle
10:30 The Evening Show
11:00 Imp., Com.
& Recollections
11:10 Music
11:15 L. Evening Hits
11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
12:00 Closedown

VOA

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8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities:
Opinion: Analyses
8:30 Dateline
News Summary
9:00 Special English:
News, Feature: The
Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opening: Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOC Magazine:
America: Science:
Cultural: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers:
voices correspondents
reports background
features media comments
news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsweek
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11:09 Reflections
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11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
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12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission

1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical
Curios
2.30 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News

24.09 Twenty-Four Hours:

4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
5.15 Report on Religion
6.00 Radio Newsreel
6.15 Outlook
7.00 World News
7.09 Commentary
7.15 Sherlock Holmes
7.45 World Today
8.00 World News
8.09 Books and Writers
8.30 Take One
8.45 Sports Round-up
9.00 World News
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9.15 Radio Newsreel
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10.00 Outlook News Summary
10.39 Stock Market Report
10.43 Look Ahead
10.45 Ulster in Focus

11.00 World News

11.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
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1.35 Book Choice
1.40 Reflections
1.45 Sports Round-up
2.00 World News
2.09 Commentary
2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Joyful activity in connection with romance and creative projects indicated. Enjoy this happy day, but protect health from self-indulgence.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Behind the scene projects, especially in connection with domestic affairs, brings serenity. Privacy leads to rejuvenation and inner growth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Gadding about with friends and loved ones leads to happy times. Be considerate of others at home not in a party mood.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) Career projects begun now have a favorable outcome. Be on the lookout for opportunity. Avoid premature disclosure of plans.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) Affairs in connection with a distance prosper. Uplifting times should be encouraged over a too materialistic outlook. Expand consciousness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Do important groundwork re business projects. Don't let self-doubt creep in. Believe in luck, and let it happen to you!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A good time to ask favors of friends. Expand your circle of acquaintances. Partnership affairs prosper under banner of good fellowship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get right to work on an important career project for your best success. Co-workers and superiors are helpful. Monetary rewards due.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your only regret now may be that the party doesn't last longer. A good day for travel, romance, and leisure time activity.

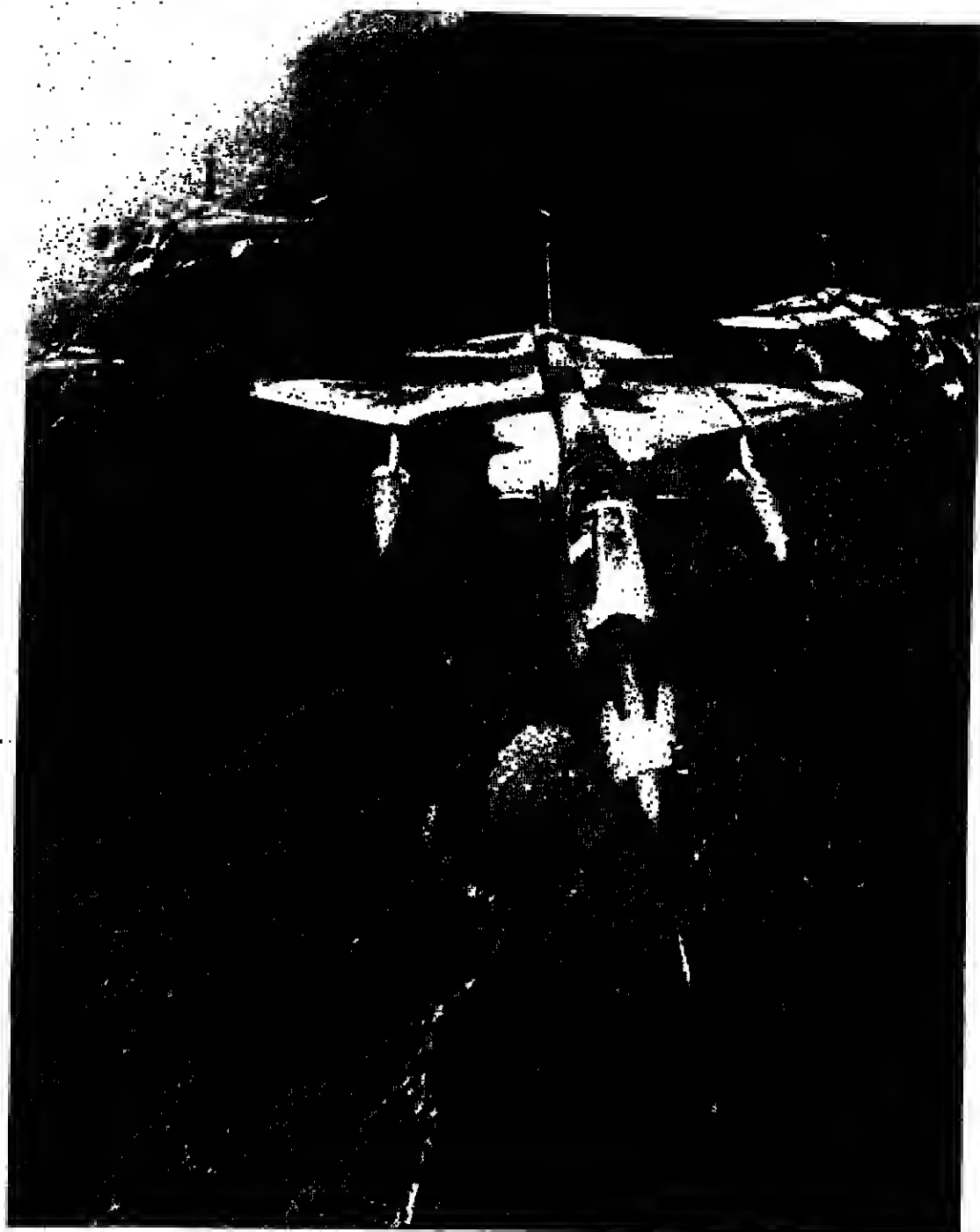
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Quality goods at bargain prices possible. Domestic and business affairs on the upswing. Don't let news from a distance get you down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you're single, your thoughts turn towards togetherness, possibly marriage. Married couples find much to share on this convivial day.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Capitalize on important opportunities for work progress and financial gain. Trust intuition re creative projects. Expand horizons.



ETNA ERUPTION: Mount Etna, one of the world's most active volcanoes, lights up the night sky (right) seen on the fifth day of eruption. Catania villagers and tourists (left) look at the lava coming down from Mount Etna.



JAGUARS TO INDIA: The first two Jaguar International strike aircraft built by British Aerospace for the Indian Air Force were handed over recently. The total order for 150 aircraft of the type shown in the picture is worth approximately \$2.3 billion. British Aerospace has supplied large defense contracts in Saudi Arabia. The Indian contract includes the facility to build more than 100 Jaguars under licence at a factory in Bangalore.



PHANTOM FELL: Remains of a U.S. Phantom fighter lie by the walls of one of the houses demolished when the plane crashed in the Saar town of Lebach-Thalerweiler in August. Some 40 houses were damaged and 9 people were injured. The two crew members ejected safely. They were not injured seriously.

CARTER'S CURBS: Saving energy has become the Western world's most serious energy. President Jimmy Carter spoke out on American radio and television recently and outlined his six point plan to reduce the United States' dependence on imported oil. Heating and cooling temperature limits have been regulated in some States and Americans are urged to 'Save It.' Picture shows children lumbering home with a prize tree trunk for a wood-burning furnace, which their parents installed ready for next winter.



CHURCHILL ALIVE: Churchill, Britain's wartime leader, is "alive and well" and starring in a one-man show in the United States. British actor Wensley Pitney is shown in the picture impersonating Sir Winston Churchill. Wensley played Churchill in the American film, "The War Years." He is married to a German — Ingrid Rosengarten and they have a seven-year-old son, Simon, who can't speak English. The 60-year-old Wensley is well-known on German TV for advertising coffee!



RARE CALVES: A Holstein cow keeps her calves together. The sow, Killer's Sister, shown in the picture, gave birth to the 4 calves recently. An expert says the birth of 4 calves at one delivery was very rare. There were only 3 reported cases in the United States. It could be the first for Florida where the Holstein gave birth, the expert said. He estimated the odds at one in 10 million.



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Russian grain estimates down

U.S. expects record harvest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP) — United States farmers are expected to harvest 7.11 billion bushels of corn this fall, 27 million bushels more than the record 1978 crop, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Friday.

The department's crop reporting board also estimated a 1979 soybean crop of 2.13 billion bushels, up 16 per cent from 1978 harvest of 1.84 billion bushels.

That would be the third record harvest in as many years for that increasingly important source of protein in feed and food.

In a separate report that could

bear heavily on U.S. grain supplies, exports and prices, the department held to its estimate that the Soviet Union's total 1979 grain harvest would be 185 million metric tons, down 22 per cent last year's record 237.2 million.

The weather has improved for those crops but "considerable uncertainties remain," the foreign agricultural service said.

The board's first estimate of production of grain sorghum, a feed grain like corn, was 779 million bushels, up 4 per cent from 1978.

Its initial forecast of the new cotton crop projected a harvest of

13.7 million bales, 26 per cent more than 1978.

Wheat production, the second-largest on record, was pegged at 2.13 billion bushels, up 19 per cent last year's less than 1.8 billion bushels, the smallest since 1974.

That includes 1.6 billion bushels of winter wheat, up 28 per cent from 1.25 billion last year. It is now nearly all harvested, with fields prepared for next season's crop.

The Soviets bought large quantities of U.S. corn and wheat the past two years and have received U.S. permission to buy a total of 17 million tons by Oct. 1, the largest amount since a five-year trade pact took effect in 1976.

A year ago this month, the U.S. Agriculture Department forecast the 1978 corn harvest at 6.5 billion bushels, up by 350 million bushels from a month earlier. The near-perfect weather of the summer continued and 7.08 billion bushels went in the bins.

Soil moisture and temperature conditions again are good to excellent in grain belts.

At pumps in October

Texaco introduces gasohol

WHITE PLAINS, New York, Aug. 11 (R) — A third big American oil company announced Friday it would test-market gasohol, a mixture of alcohol and gasoline in an effort to stretch its tight gasoline supplies.

Texaco, the third biggest U.S. oil company, said it would begin

its gasohol program on October 1 at about 20 filling stations in New York, Boston and Indianapolis.

Standard Oil and Phillips Petroleum announced earlier this year that they would test-market the product, a mixture of 10 per cent ethanol and 90 per cent at a limited number of service stations

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Rate
U.S. Dollar	3.3685
Pound Sterling	7.58
100 Deutsche Mark	184.15
Dutch Guilder	168.62
100 Swiss Franc	204.94
100 French Franc	79.40
Belgian Franc	11.67
1000 Italian Lira	4.17
100 Danish Kroner	64.26
Swedish Kroner	80.05
100 Norwegian Kroner	57.37
100 Japanese Yen	15.66
Egyptian Pound	4.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.24
Jordanian Dinar	11.26
Bahraini Dinar	8.88
1000 Lebanese Lira	103.86
100 Syrian Lira	86.48
100 Qatari Riyal	89.94
100 Yemeni Riyal	74.00
Emirates Dirhams	88.76
100 Indian Rupee	42.15
100 Pakistani Rupee	34.11
Southern Dinars	9.67
U.S. Dollars Banknotes	3.3675

Currency Selling Rates announced by the National Commercial Bank.

Weekly Wall Street

Market rallies despite world gloom

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (AP) — Apart from a deluge of bad news on energy and the economy, Wall Street, is enjoying its traditional "summer rally" right on schedule this year.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials rose 20.90 to 867.06 in the past week, its best weekly showing since it picked up 27.11 points last March 5-9.

That brought the average's gain over the past three weeks to 38.99 points.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index, meanwhile, picked up 1.31 to 60.64 during the week and reached its highest levels of the year.

At the American Stock Exchange, the Market Value Index gained 3.42 to a record high of 202.41.

Big board volume reached a high for the year as well, averaging 37.79 million shares a day against 33.09 million the week before.

Of course, the idea that stock prices should rally at some point every summer simply because it is summer makes no logical sense.

To cynics, it might well seem that the phrase "summer rally" — like that other Wall Street cliché, "profit-taking" — can be dismissed as merely bappy talk that sounds good but explains nothing.

Still, the fact remains that the market has been rising steadily in recent weeks when the news that is supposed to influence investors' decisions has ranged from bad to dreadful.

Gold, after a brief setback is back above \$300 an ounce. The dollar is still struggling in foreign exchange, and a recession is widely presumed to be unfolding.

The government reported this past week that wholesale prices of finished goods climbed at a two-digit annual rate in July, surpassing most fore-

casts.

But even that news induced only a modest decline in the stock market on Thursday, and by Friday prices were moving back up again.

For a possible explanation of this phenomenon, the Value Line Investment Survey suggested that one try to imagine what is going through the minds of professional money managers these days.

"Now these money managers are awash with cash," the advisory service observed. "The ratio of stock purchases to other purchases by pension fund managers has dropped to its lowest level of the past few decades."

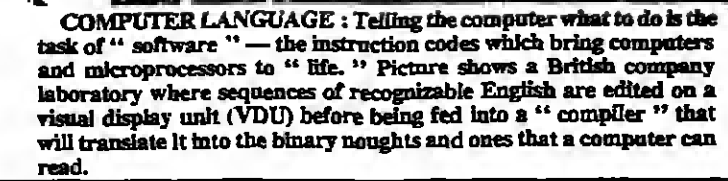
"Yet these managers are in many cases bullish on stocks on a long-term basis. They believe a major bull market will begin once the seriousness of the current recession is gauged and interest rates begin to come down in earnest."

The problem the institutions have to contend with, Value Line said, is that they cannot move substantially in or out of the market on short notice. The amounts of money they deal in are simply too large for the market to accommodate in periods of only hours or even days.

"They remember that the Dow surged 44 points, or almost 6 per cent, in only three days a year ago April. In October 1974, at the turn, the Dow skyrocketed 90 points, or 15 per cent, in six trading days."

"To avoid the situation where these institutional elephants all at the same time are trying to recommit funds to equities (how many elephants can fit through the eye of a needle?), we believe a number of them are raising their stock commitments now."

"Barring some catastrophe, like a dissolution of order in Iran, this buying seems likely to continue."



COMPUTER LANGUAGE: Telling the computer what to do is the task of "software" — the instruction codes which bring computers and microprocessors to "life." Picture shows a British company laboratory where sequences of recognizable English are edited on a visual display unit (VDU) before being fed into a "compiler" that will translate it into the binary naughts and ones that a computer can read.

U.S. buying holds prices high

Coffee stocks good, traders say

LONDON, Aug. 11 (AP) — Friday, Aug. 10, marked the official end of the Brazilian winter frost season.

London traders were now confident there was enough coffee available worldwide to satisfy demand, bar of course another freak and probably short-lived recurrence in the next seven days.

However, sustained American buying, renewed European roaster interest and the decision of the Brazilian Coffee Institute to suspend export registrations until October 1, have kept world coffee prices steady throughout the week.

London prices for African

Arabica-type coffee for November delivery closed Friday at \$3,873.5 a metric ton. A week ago they closed at \$3,875 a metric ton.

Sterling, which has been yo-yoing during the week and strengthening Friday, is, therefore, at this stage, no comparison yardstick. Expressed in dollars per pound weight, the price this Friday, compared with that a week ago, has remained unchanged at \$1.75 a pound. But with the frost scare over, it should have slumped. Instead, renewed buying kept prices firm.

Last February, at their lowest level since April 1977, Robusta

coffee had slumped to \$1.17 a pound. Mid-June they had spiraled to \$2.10 a pound after the freak May frost that wiped out some 3,000,000 bags of expected green coffee from next year's Brazilian Crop. A bag holds 132.2 pounds or 60 kilos of green coffee beans.

Swedish U.S. buying American buying set in last week. International experts here explained that this sudden bout of American buying, in the first week of a month usually devoted to vacating stocks and square roasters books for tax purposes. The cost incurred by holding inventories is set off against tax demands.

These are due late summer. United States inventories at the end of July stood at 2.7 million bags of green coffee. In normal trading years about 3.5 million are regarded as usual. This leaves room for another 800,000 bags which the tax collector would regard as normal, too.

Renewed European buyer interest also has been apparent, a leading London broker said.

Air India U.K. local staff strikes

LONDON, Aug. 11 (AP) — Air India suspended all flights to and from London's Heathrow airport Friday after a walkout by its locally employed ground staff, a spokesman said.

One flight Saturday from New York to India via London had already been rerouted to a European airport, he said.

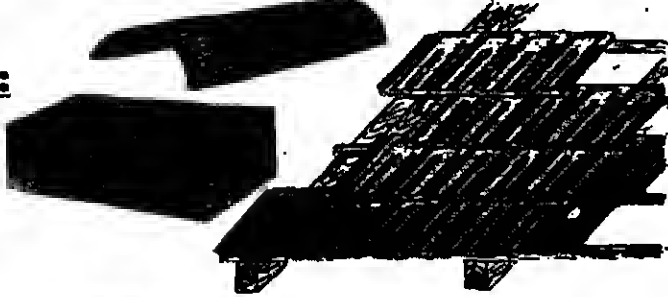
The airline has a local staff of between 300 to 400, the spokesman said, but he did not know how many were involved in the walkout called by the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU).

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Post	Supply of packing and wrapping material	1-99/1400	150	Sept. 1
Municipality of Mecca	Supply of insecticides and detergents	9	100	Aug. 11
" " "	Supply of plumbing equipments for municipal gardens	10	50	Aug. 11
" " "	Supply of electric pumps, diesel motors and winches	11	50	Aug. 11
Municipality of Taif	Undertaking of an illumination project		500	Sept. 1
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm	Operation and maintenance of power generators in six schools	4/17		Sept. 11
Municipality of Tabuk	Supply of fuel and servicing of municipal vehicles and machinery		30	Aug. 13
" " "	Renting of Tabuk Casino		30	Aug. 13

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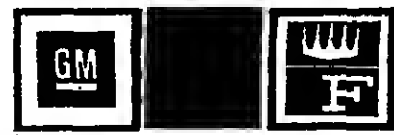
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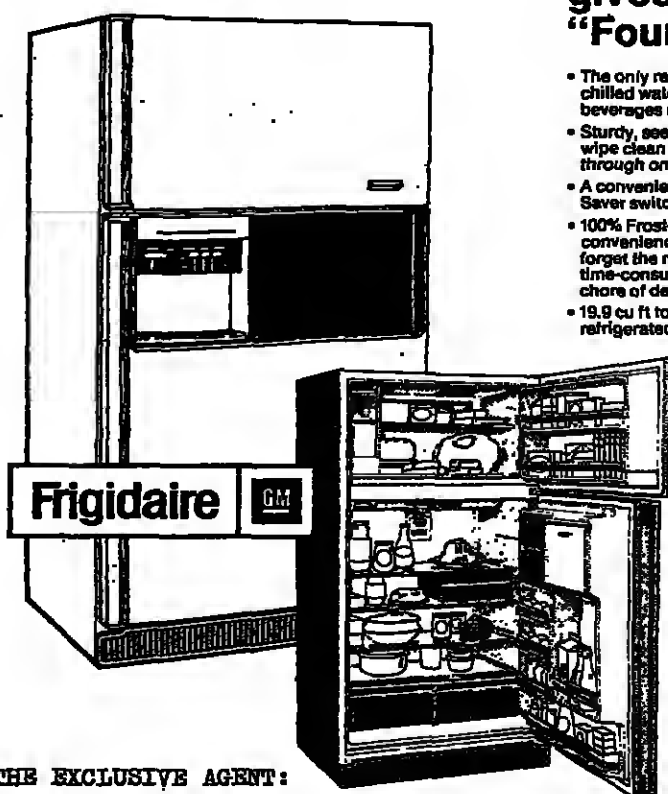
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International

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Cambodia withdrawal seen

U.S., Vietnam resuming contacts over relations

HANOI, Aug. 11 (AP) — Vietnam's chief spokesman said Saturday that his government and the United States held talks last month which might lead to further normalization discussions. He also indicated Vietnam might pull out of Cambodia, one of the key obstacles cited by Washington.

In an exclusive interview in English with the Associated Press Acting Foreign Minister and State Secretary Nguyen Co Thach said he did not want to comment on Washington's earlier denial that talks were going on but only wanted to "give the facts."

He said Secretary of State Cyrus Vance sent a message through U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young to the United Nations, Ha Van Lau, saying Washington wanted to resume the dialogue following the "substantial progress" made towards normalization in talks last fall.

The Vietnamese reply came on July 6 and a meeting between the ambassador and Undersecretary of State Robert Oakley took place in New York on July 12.

"It was a preliminary meeting



President Carter

it will continue. If they say now they want to stop, okay. We have good will," Thach said.

Thach, who recently emerged as Vietnam's leading spokesman to the international community, also said Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia eight months ago marked the third time the Vietnamese were in the neighboring country, but that they have always pulled out in the past.

He also admitted the Vietnam-

ese long-term presence could be troublesome.

"The heat there is uncomfortable. You must even take off your watch at night," he said.

He said Vietnam cannot give Cambodia all it needs and listed problems in order of difficulty such as lack of food, medicine, and inability to plant before the next harvest.

"They have no more tools, no more fertilizers, no more plows and the irrigation system built by (the former regime of) Pol Pot is unsuitable."

"We hoped the world, can do something, especially the United States. President Carter has talked so much about being humanitarian."

The State Department at first denied talks had been resumed with the Vietnamese, but then admitted it "began to have some regular dialogue" in July.

Oakley told reporters in Washington that the State Department had "intensified" its meetings with the Vietnamese, and that a number of sessions have been held since in Paris and the United States. Oakley said the Carter administration will not establish relations until Vietnam withdraws from Cambodia and stems the exodus of tens of thousands of ethnic Chinese who are jamming refugee camps throughout Southeast Asia.

Oakley said all major obstacles to relations with Hanoi were resolved last fall during talks in New York, but that the negotiations broke down when it became clear Vietnam was preparing to invade Cambodia and was engaged in wholesale repression of its people.



THE CLAN: Members of the Kennedy family, including grandmother Rose Kennedy (center) and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (right) gather at the family compound at Hyannisport, Mass., early this month before leaving on a family vacation. The children all belong to Sen. Kennedy.

Nkomo agreement 'premature'

Rhodesia plan still draws fire

CAIRO, Aug. 11 (AP) — Black Guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo, declared Saturday it was "premature" to say the patriotic front had accepted the Commonwealth plan for settling the 14-year-old crisis in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

The leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) also appeared to reject British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's call for a pre-conference ceasefire.

"When an enemy wants to talk, we talk to the enemy to discover what he has, but it doesn't interfere with the war," Nkomo told a news conference.

The guerrilla chief expressed reservations about the declaration produced at a meeting of 39 commonwealth nations in Lusaka last weekend and indicated he was suspicious of British intentions.

Nkomo said he would meet in the next 10 days with leaders of the five front-line African states which have supported the guerrilla war to see if there have been certain formulations that have not

been committed to paper."

Despite indications from front-line leader Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia that the guerrillas would participate at the all-parties conference in London next month, Nkomo said he would move cautiously and that no decision on attending had been made.

"Any talk of the Patriotic Front having accepted this thing is premature because it has not been accepted or rejected," said Nkomo, who claimed he and co-leader Robert Mugabe commanded 100,000 guerrillas in southern Africa.

After reading a copy of the Lusaka declaration to reporters, Nkomo said, "I am not very certain whether in the circumstances everything has to be decided according to the authority of the British."

While not ruling out that he would attend a conference with Mugabe and white minority leader Ian Smith, Nkomo said he did not know what was meant by an "all-parties" conference.

"Why Mrs. Thatcher is bringing together all and sundry who are unconcerned with the conflict and thinks this can solve the conflict is something only the British can understand," Nkomo said.

Former Premier Ian Smith has said that although some people held-out little hope for the future, he had faith in the outcome of the new British proposals for a settlement in Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

Smith, a minister without portfolio in the coalition government of Prime Minister Ael Muzorewa, said Zimbabwe Rhodesians would be given the facts of the plan drawn up at the

Strike blackens commercial TV in Britain

LONDON, Aug. 11 (AP) — The entire commercial television network in Britain was blacked out Saturday by a strike of technicians and electricians.

The 16 companies involved said the shutdown could run into the middle of next week. Network sources estimated the loss in advertising revenue at one million pounds a day.

Commercial channels were showing only bulletins reporting the dispute. This gave the non-commercial British Broadcasting Corporation a monopoly for its two channels.

Nigerians begin vote for chief

LONDON, Aug. 11 (R) — Nigerians began voting Saturday to elect a civilian president after 13 years of military rule.

The electorate of 48 million was choosing between five candidates with 70-year-old Chief Obafemi Awolowo favored to win on the first round.

The presidential elections follow a series of polls for the Senate, House of Representatives, state assemblies and governors over the last month.

To be elected on the first ballot, a candidate must have an absolute majority and at least a third of the votes cast in two-thirds of the 19 federal states.

If the ballot is inconclusive, Senators, members of the House of Representatives and deputies of the 19 state assemblies will vote on the two leading candidates.

The candidates other than Chief Awolowo representing the Nigerian Union Party are: Alhaji Shehu Shagari, Nigerian National Party; Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigerian People's Party; Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim, Great Nigerian People's Party; and Alhaji Aminu Kano, People's Redemption Party.

Steelworkers protest

Soccer cup 'steal' rocks France

PARIS, Aug. 11 (AP) — The French soccer establishment was in uproar.

The Cup of France, that most cherished of trophies, had been stolen. "A fanad," speculated police. "Vandalism," huffed the press.

Nothing of the sort, it turned out Friday. In fact, the silver soccer cup had been hijacked from the clubhouse of its present holder, the Nantes team, by militant workers in the unemployment-stricken town of Longwy in eastern France.

The culprits summoned reporters to a forest near Longwy and appeared before them at dawn, wearing masks and brandishing the silver cup for photographers.

"We did it to remind all those Frenchmen enjoying their summer vacations that the problems of Longwy have not been solved," one of them said.

Then they announced their ransom demands: they would free the cup when the Nantes club agreed to play a friendly match against the Strasbourg team, another top French soccer squad, in Longwy.

They said the proceeds would go toward funding the struggle of the townspeople to keep their jobs in France's tottering steel industry.

"They insisted they had only 'borrowed' the cup, not stolen it, and they promised to return it even if the charity match was refused."



The missing cup

N. Ireland tension mounts after night of new riots, death

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Aug. 11 (AP) — British-ruled Northern Ireland was tense Saturday after another murder and a night of sporadic violence in Belfast, where British troops were pelted with rocks and gasoline bombs and vehicles were set ablaze.

Fresh conflict was feared across the province on the 10th anniversary of sectarian warfare that has cost at least 1,935 lives and has left more than 21,000 persons injured.

In the latest killing, 29-year-old bachelor Arthur McGraw was shot down on the doorstep of his village house in Garvagh, County Londonderry, police said.

They said he was probably mistaken for his brother, a militiaman in the Ulster Defense Regiment, which has come under increasing attack from the underground Irish Republican Army.

In Catholic West Belfast, gangs of youths roamed the streets for the third straight night and police and troops were stoned whenever they were seen, a police spokesman said.

He said security forces trying to disperse one crowd in Andersonstown had gasoline bombs thrown at them.

Protestants were staging their

annual Apprentice Boys march in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second city where masked Catholic youths stoned British troops Thursday and Friday.

The skirmishes heightened fears of more serious clashes during Saturday's march.

The Apprentice Boys March, a tradition in Londonderry, erupted in rioting in 1969 and touched off the decade of bloodshed that has taken nearly 2,000 lives.

Police said 12,000 Protestants were expected to take part in the march, which has been routed away from Catholic areas.

Heavy British army security patrols maintained quiet Friday, following a day of clashes, hijackings, bombings and brick and paint attacks by Catholic youths on soldiers.

Although noisy, by Northern Irish standards, Wednesday's incidents were relatively mild. There were no deaths — while this year's average is nearly two a week, and damage was comparatively minor.

Friday police reported two civilians and one policeman were injured in a day of 10 attacks on police and soldiers, 14 hijackings, nine burnings of vehicles, six scattered shootings and four blasts of home-made explosive devices.

Blame being traded

DC-10 hearings end inconclusively

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 (R) — Public hearings by a tribunal investigating the DC-10 jumbo jet crash which killed 273 people May 25 ended Friday with the blame still disputed.

American Airlines and the DC-10 builder, McDonnell Douglas, both facing lawsuits for damages running to more than \$1.2 billion, have tried to blame each other for the crash during the two-week hearing.

But Elwood Driver, chairman of the five-man tribunal from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), made clear it was the job of the inquiry to determine the probable cause, not apportion responsibility.

He said it would take three months for the tribunal to complete its probe and issue its findings on the worst U.S. air disaster in history.

The American Airlines DC-10 crashed when one of its three engines ripped off as the plane took off from Chicago's O'Hare Airport for Los Angeles on May 25.

The crippled airliner climbed to about 400 feet, rolled steeply, and plunged back to earth in a disused airfield within sight of O'Hare.

Nearly all the 276 DC-10s through the world which carry about 125,000 passengers a day, were grounded for more than a month after the crash.

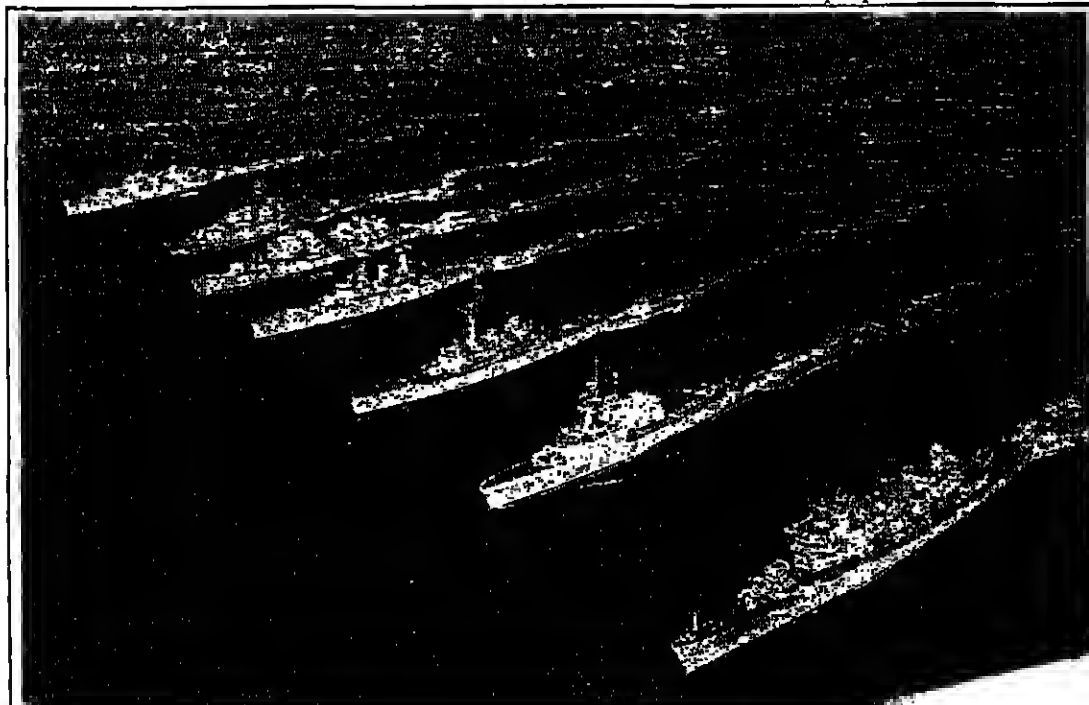
The final day of hearings was interrupted by a protester who called the DC-10 a death-trap and the inquiry a cover-up. He said he was related to one of the victims.

What the tribunal must determine is exactly what caused a crack in the pylon holding the engine to the wing — whether it was accidental maintenance damage, a design flaw, a structural weakness or bad engineering.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration, which had grounded all DC-10s in the U.S., concluded the crack was caused by American Airlines mechanics using a forklift truck to do maintenance on the plane two months before the crash.

American Airlines has not denied its mechanics caused the crack but has never admitted it.

The airline's principal spokesman, Donald Lloyd-Jones, said after the hearings finished: "There is no proof the mechanics caused the crack. We'd like to know if they did or if they didn't."



SEA POWER: NATO warships steam in formation during recent exercises in the Arctic Circle. From top to bottom the ships represent Norway, West Germany, Denmark, Britain, the Netherlands and the U.S. The objective of the exercise was to develop teamwork at sea.

Selma to Montgomery route

Ku Klux Klan on the march again

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (R) — The Ku Klux Klan is on the march again in America's deep South, with the white robes, openly-branded baseball bats and pick-axe handles, nightly cross-burnings and other symbols of the racial fear and hatred of the turbulent 1960s.

Shouting "white power" and generally ignoring the taunts of black bystanders, the Klansmen this weekend are retracing the steps of thousands of largely black civil rights marchers led by the late Martin Luther King Jr. in 1965.

That march attracted enough international concern to help passage of a law guaranteeing black voting rights, but not before Alabama State Troopers with

clubs and dogs harassed the marchers during their demonstration. This time there has been no violence along the 50 mile route from Selma, Alabama to the state capital at Montgomery.

In 1965 it was a winding country lane. Today it is a four-lane highway.

Alabama authorities have said the Klansmen would be blocked at the city limits and ordered to disperse because they were not granted a parade permit.

Police and state troopers are keeping close watch for signs of a confrontation. Fearing violence, the authorities have banned firearms within 1,000 feet of any demonstration in the state.

Four people were wounded by gunfire when shots were

exchanged between rival marches between Klansmen and blacks to Decatur, Georgia, earlier this year.

Andrew Young, President Jimmy Carter's U.N. envoy and one of Dr. King's chief lieutenants on the 1965 march, has been invited to Selma Saturday with Dr. King's widow Coretta for the dedication of a statue of the civil rights leader, who was assassinated in 1968.

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